

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C.

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SIR:

Special Agent ☐  
Special Accountant ☒  
Stenographer ☐  
Typist ☐  
Messenger ☐  
(Indicate by check)

I herewith make application for appointment to the position of  
in the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and for your  
use in this connection submit the following information:

1. Name in full PENNINGTON LEE R. JR.  
(Family name) (Given name) (Initial)
2. Legal residence 16 TAYLOR ST. CHEVY CHASE, MD.
3. Mail and telegraphic address SAME AS ABOVE
4. Date of birth Nov. 19, 1894 Weight 201 Height 6'-0"
5. (a) Place of birth MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (b) Present citizenship U. S.
6. Place of birth of (a) father MILLINGTON, MD. (b) mother WILMINGTON, DEL.
7. Were you ever in the service of the United States? YES
8. If so, when, and in what department of the service? APR. 1917 - NOV. 1917 - ORDNANCE  
DEPT. NOV. 1917 - AUG. 1919 - LIEUT. GOVERNOR U.S.A. DEC. 1926 - PRESEN  
TIME. AUDITOR. GENERAL ACCT. OFFICE
9. Are you married? YES
10. If husband (wife) employed state where employed NOT EMPLOYED
11. Enumerate (name, relationship, and address) any individuals dependent upon you for  
maintenance CATHERINE PENNINGTON, WIFE & WM. G. C. PENNINGTON, SON  
16 TAYLOR ST. CHEVY CHASE, MD.
12. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical  
defects should be fully described.) YES

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13. Have you ever been arrested? ONCE ABOUT 7 YRS. AGO DRIVING 22 MI.

Specify: PER. HR.

14. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Education: (Under this head your entire educational training should be given in chronological order, with the period, including dates, spent in each institution, degrees taken, etc. Knowledge of any languages other than English should be indicated first.)

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD. HIGH SCHOOL 1907-1911

UNIVERSITY OF MD. 1911-15 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE (Y.M.C.A.) OF ACCOUNTANCY  
1925-1928, BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL SCIENCE

16. Experience: (Under this head, in chronological order, state your entire business and professional experience, including names of employers and dates.)

JULY 1915- DEC. 1916. PLANT INSPECTOR, WESTERN UNION TEL. CO. PHILA. PA.

JAN. 1917- MAR. 1917. MECH. ENG. DU PONT CO, HOPWELL, VA.

APR. 1917- NOV. 1917. MECH. DRAFTSMAN, ORDNANCE DEPT. WASH. D.C.

NOV. 1917- AUG. 1919. LT. 60TH INF. U.S.A.

SEPT. 1919- AUG. 1923. CREAMERY MGR. GOLDEN & CO. WASH. D.C.

NOV. 1923- DEC. 1926- AGT. METROPOLITAN LIFE INS. CO. WASH. D.C.

DEC. 1926- PRESENT TIME. AUDITOR GEN. ACCT. OFFICE,  
WASH. D.C.

17. References to persons well qualified to judge as to your fitness for the position sought:

JOS. K. MOYER, DEAN, ACCT. SCHOOL DIST. OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE

FRED BLUM, C. P. A. WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL, WASH. D. C.

GEO. J. HENRITZY, COMPTROLLER OF DULIN & MARTIN, WASH. D. C.

E. W. BELL, ASST. CHIEF, AUDIT DIV. G. A. O. WASH. D. C.

18. Give names of societies or organizations with which connected:

MASONIC LODGE, COLLEGE FRATERNITY

19. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship and where employed:

LAREINE PENNINGTON, SISTER, EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MD.

20. Are you now employed? If so, give name and address of employer and rate of compensation received GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, WASH. D.C.  
\$2000.00

21. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at anytime, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? No

22. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D. C., upon ten days' notice and at your own expense? YES

23. Are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? YES

24. Attach unmounted photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be one taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application.

Respectfully,



Lee R. Pennington, Jr.  
 (Signature of applicant)

Return this form to The Director, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statement concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with original questions.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D.C.

OCT. 18, 1938

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SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Agent (Accountant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stenographer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Messenger	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) PENNINGTON LEE ROBERTS  
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 12 TAYLOR ST CHEVY CHASE, MD.

3. Mail and telegraphic address SAME AS ABOVE

4. Date of birth NOV 19 1894 Weight 210 Height 6' Color WHITE

5. Place of birth MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

6. (a) Father's name LEE R. PENNINGTON (b) Father's birthplace MILLINGTON, MD

7. (a) Mother's maiden name LAREINE HULETT (b) Mother's birthplace WILMINGTON, DEL.

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here?

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? YES

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization OCT 20 1938

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? MARRIED

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed NOT EMPLOYED

13. Number of children, if any 1 SON (AGE 17)

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? YES

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom?

16. Education: (Please print.)

[illegible]

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

SIGMA PHI; SIGMA FRAT; BETA ALPHA PSI; HONORARY ACCOUNTING FRAT; ALUMNI ASSN. UNIVERSITY OF MD.; M CLUB, UNIV. OF MD.; ALUMNI ASSN. SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, SOUTHEASTERN U. HONORARY FRAT. MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WAR; AMERICAN LEGION; SOCIETY OF 5TH DIV. U.S. ARMY MASONIC LODGE

18. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described) Yes

19. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days of illness and nature of ailments):

Good

## 20. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
WESTERN UNION TEL. CO. PHILA.	PLANT INSPECTOR	July 1915	AUG. 1917	
DUPONT CO. HOPEWELL, VA.	MECH. ENGINEER	JAN. 1917	APR. 1917	\$1200
AARAR DEPT. WASH. D.C.	"	APR. 1917	AUG. 1917	1200
U.S. ARMY	OFFICER	AUG. 1917	AUG. 1919	2000
GOLDEN & CO. WASH. D.C.	CREAMERY MGR.	AUG. 1919	APR. 1923	\$50 PER WK. APPROX. \$2600
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS. CO. WASH. D.C.	AGENT		DEC. 1926	SAL. & COM.
GENERAL ACCTG. OFFICE, WASH. D.C.	CLERK	DEC. 1926	MAY 1929	\$2000
F.B.I.	SPECIAL AGENT	5/6/29		\$5400

21. Have you ever been arrested?

Specify:

22. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action?

Specify:

23. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

24. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

L.F. PENNINGTON, BROTHER, H.O.L.C. CHICAGO  
M.L. CONNER, SISTER, ORDNANCE DIV. WAR DEPT.

25. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

27. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? \_\_\_\_\_

28. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4¼ inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken *not more than 30 days prior to date of application.*



Respectfully,

*Lee R. Pennington*  
 (Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

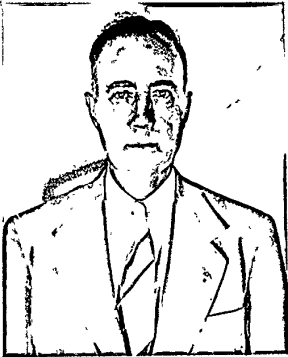
NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1938, at city (or town) of Washington, county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State (or Territory or District) of Columbia

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

*Wm. C. Jackson*  
 (Signature of officer)  
Notary Public  
 (Official title)

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NAME PENNINGTON, L. R.

## MONTHLY VOLUNTARY OVERTIME RECORD

MONTHS	YEAR 1950		YEAR 1951		YEAR 1952		YEAR 1953	
	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL
JANUARY								
FEBRUARY								
MARCH					2'15"			
APRIL							3'11"	0
MAY								
JUNE								
JULY								
AUGUST					3'44"	1'39"		
SEPTEMBER								
OCTOBER	1'21"							
NOVEMBER	2'08"							
DECEMBER	2'15"							

MONTHS	YEAR		YEAR		YEAR		YEAR	
	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL	REGULAR	TRAVEL
JANUARY								
FEBRUARY								
MARCH								
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JUNE								
JULY								
AUGUST								
SEPTEMBER								
OCTOBER								
NOVEMBER								
DECEMBER								

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LEE R. PENNINGTON - SPECIAL AGENT  
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

Efficiency rating  
Previous efficiency rating  
Entered on duty

EXCELLENT  
EXCELLENT  
5-6-29

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Grade and salary  
Last salary change  
Previous test ratings  
Rules & Regulations  
Instructions  
Re-training School

Claf 12, \$5400.  
1-1-37

100% March 20, 1939; Quarterly  
Supervisors' Conference  
97% May, 1935

Accounting course  
Marksmanship

Completed  
Expert - Fully qualified

Times qualified during past 12 months  
Times failed to qualify with

Practical pistol course 6-38  
score 43.  
Practical pistol course, 8-38  
score 47.

REMARKS

Mr. Tamm states that this agent continues to render entirely satisfactory services with unabated enthusiasm and with utter disregard of his own time, interests, and personal welfare. Mr. Tamm considers him as outstanding in loyalty, attitude, and industry. It is reported that this agent does not confine his interests to his own immediate tasks but is concerned at all times with the Bureau's entire activities and operations. During the rating period, he has made a number of personal appearances before various civic and professional groups and has always made a creditable showing. Mr. Tamm states that he desires to point particularly to this phase of Mr. Pennington's work because each outside appearance makes it necessary for him to spend additional hours of time on his own work and that if it were not that he is so hard-working, his own work would suffer during his absence. Mr. Tamm advises that he cannot adequately emphasize the extreme devotion to the Bureau's best interest that is constantly manifested by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. A. Tamm  
Mr. Glegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. McIntire  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Q. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy



Memo - Director  
Re: Lee R. Pennington

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Under date of May 6, 1939, the Director congratulated this agent for having completed ten years' service in the Bureau.

During the rating period this agent has submitted various suggestions for the betterment of the Bureau's service.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Since this agent is receiving the top salary in Grade Caf 12, no change is recommended.

R. H. Laughlin.

## AGENT VOCATION RECORD

PLEASE PRINT

DATE October 9, 1952NAME Pennington Lee Roberts TITLE OF POSITION Inspector  
Last First MiddleENTERED ON DUTY 5 6 1929  
Month Day Year

## EDUCATION:

College or University (Including Graduate & Professional Schools)	Location (City & State)	Degree	Major	Minor
University of Md.	College Park, Md.	B.S.	Mechanical Engineering	--
Southeastern University	Washington, D. C.	BCS	Accounting	--
Southeastern University	Washington, D. C.	MCS	Accounting	--

Specialized Schools: University of Wisconsin Location Madison, Wisconsin  
Name of School City & StateType of Specialized Training Received Butter manufacturingPeriod attended January to March 1920

## BARS:

Federal \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ CPA \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

## PROFICIENCY

Language	Read:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Write:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Speak (Converse):	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Understand:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Translate:	Without dictionary	With	

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue \_\_\_\_\_ Academic \_\_\_\_\_ Years Studied \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Assign. \_\_\_\_\_  
On the job classes \_\_\_\_\_ Have you passed Bureau test? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Language	Read:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Write:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Speak (Converse):	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Understand:	Excellent	Good	Fair
	Translate:	Without dictionary	With	

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue \_\_\_\_\_ Academic \_\_\_\_\_ Years Studied \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Assign. \_\_\_\_\_  
On the job classes \_\_\_\_\_ Have you passed Bureau test? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency \_\_\_\_\_

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PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment; it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

<u>TYPE OF WORK AND IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
Mechanical Engineer	good	2
Butter manufacturing	good	4

VOCATIONS AND AVOCATIONS: (Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
Athletics - track	good	4

ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including all of those which you have been a member of during your lifetime. For example, the Bureau is desirous that you list membership in the Boy Scouts (giving the exact rank attained), DeMolay, high school honor societies, and other civic groups of which you may have been a member. Fraternities, of course, are to be included):

YMCA, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans	Washington, D. C.	
Military Order of the World Wars,	City	State
National Sojourners, Society of the	Washington, D. C.	
5th Div., U.S. Army, Past Post Commanders Association, The American Legion	City	State
La Societe Des 40 Hommes 8 Chevaux, Wash., D. C.	City	State
Past Dept. Commanders Club, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana	City	State
Army and Navy Union, U.S.A., Honorary life member	City	State

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in.)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>NO. OF YEARS AND MONTHS</u>
England )		
France )	Army	1 year, 3 months
Germany )		

Masonic Lodge, Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fidelity Club, Washington, D. C.

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Kentucky Colonel

Nebraska Admiral

Arkansas Traveler

Beta Alpha Psi, National Honorary

Accounting Fraternity

MILITARY TRAINING: (List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

First Lieutenant. Infantry. 2 years (Silver Star and Purple Heart decorations)

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

	<u>DATES</u>		<u>DATES</u>
<u>Asiatic School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Secret Inks</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>European School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Foreign</u>			
<u>Assign. School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Microphotography</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Police Liaison School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Tamper Proofing</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Police Instructor's School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Mouflage</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Major Case School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Typewriting Alignment</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Chief Clerk's School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Supervisor's School</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Administrative Firearms</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>ASAC School</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Firearms Expert School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>SAC School</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Field Supervisor's School</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Inspector's Aide School</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>Communism</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>Red Cross - First Aid</u>	<u>                    </u>
<u>General Investigative</u>	<u>                    </u>		
<u>Security</u>	<u>                    </u>		
<u>Selective Service</u>	<u>                    </u>		

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? Yes

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT? no LOCATION DESIRED                     

TYPING ABILITY            W.P.M. Have you passed Bureau test?            Date                     

SHORTHAND ABILITY            W.P.M. Have you passed Bureau test?            Date                     

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:

a. Communications or Radio Engineering                     

b. Electrical Engineering

- c. College Physics \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Vocational or other Radio School \_\_\_\_\_

2. Practical Experience in Radio:

- a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Amateur Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Licenses Held \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Commercial Radio Operator \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Experimenter or other \_\_\_\_\_
- f. International Morse code: - Transmit \_\_\_\_\_ W.P.M. - Receive \_\_\_\_\_ W.P.M.
- g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

COMMENTS OF SAC RELATIVE TO ANY OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS: (Applicable only to Agents in the Field.)



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

January 13, 1949

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Monahan  
K. S. [unclear]  
K. S. [unclear]  
Sh. N. [unclear]*

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Date of Birth: November 19, 1894
- (B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) Catherine Pennington, wife
- (C) Spouse's Place of Employment: Unemployed
- (D) Number and birth date of Children: William Carter Pennington, son  
Born February 8, 1921
- (E) Names of parents, Lee R. Pennington, father  
brothers and sisters: Mary Lareine Pennington, mother (both deceased)  
Samual H. Pennington, J. Norman Pennington (deceased)  
W. Carl Pennington, John I. Pennington (deceased)  
Margaret Lareine Conner, Liston F. Pennington
- (F) Maiden name of wife, together Catherine Carter  
with names of wife's parents, William G. Carter, Margaret Jane  
brothers and sisters: Carter (both deceased)  
Robert G. Carter, Ferd E. Carter  
Walter E. Carter, William G. Carter
- (G) Names of husband's parents,  
brothers and sisters:

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(H) Names of Societies or ~~organizations~~ American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, organizations with which Disabled American Veterans, Military Order connected: of the World Wars, National Sojourners, GAR Memorial Day Corporation, Society of the Fifth Division, U.S. Army, Army and Navy Union, USA, LaSociete Hommes <sup>40</sup> 8 Chevaux, Masonic Lodge, Sigma Chi, National Fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, National Honorary Accounting Fraternity, Board of Directors, YMCA, Alumni Association, University of Maryland, M Club, University of Maryland, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

(I) Legal Residence: 12 Taylor Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland

(J) Education: University of Maryland, graduated 1915,  
(Names of Schools attended B.S. in Mechanical Engineering,  
and degrees received) Southeastern University, graduated 1928,  
BCS in accounting, Southeastern University,  
MCS 1935

(K) Name, address and relation- Catherine Pennington,  
ship of person to be notified 12 Taylor Street, Chevy Chase, Md.  
in case of emergency: wife.

(L) List of names of any relatives W. Carl Pennington, brother,  
now in the Government service, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland  
with degree of relationship, Lieutenant Colonel Sam Efnor,  
and where employed. (List all nephew-in-law, Atomic Energy  
relatives, including those by Commission, Washington, D. C.  
marriage.):

(M) Offices where assignment preferred: Washington, D. C.  
(Limited to three)

Very truly yours,

Lee R. Pennington

Do not write in this space

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr <sup>4PM/AG</sup>

DATE: 7-19-54

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: LEE R. PENNINGTON  
Former Inspector

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty  
Reported to Field  
Last Grade and Salary  
Last Salary Change  
Age  
Marital Status  
Education

Offices of Preference  
1953 Annual Performance Rating  
Last Performance Rating  
Marksmanship  
Outstanding Endorsers  
Previous Offices of Assignment:

5/31/29	assigned
5/20/30	transferred
8/26/30	transferred
7/24/31	transferred
10/18/31	transferred
8/22/32	transferred
10/30/32	transferred
11/30/32	transferred
3/10/34	designated ASAC
11/19/34	transferred
8/1/45	transferred
5/28/47	transferred
11/30/53	retired

5/6/29  
5/31/29  
GS-15, \$10,800  
7/20/52 (Reallocation)  
59  
Married (1 child) as of 11-30-53  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
Bachelor of Commercial  
Science Degree; Master of  
Commercial Science Degree  
Washington, D. C. as of 3/31/50  
SATISFACTORY  
SATISFACTORY (11/13/53)  
Qualified  
None

Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Washington, D. C.  
Chicago  
Washington, D. C.  
Investigative Division  
Los Angeles  
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This employee entered on duty 5/6/29 as a Special Agent, CAF-8, \$2900 per annum.

At the conclusion of his training period, Inspector J. M. Keith said his personal appearance and approach were good, he had rather ordinary features, had only a fair personality but was steady in poise, average in speech and possessed a fair amount of assurance. He exhibited no nervousness, was average in tact, and it was believed he would rather slowly develop into a satisfactory commercial accountant. He did not appear to have any executive ability.

Shortly after his transfer to the field, his SAC reported he was developing slowly as he thought he "knew it all", was over-bearing in manner, self-opinionated, received instructions with a poor attitude, used very poor judgment and lacked tact. He had handled a Bankruptcy case alone very satisfactorily, but his personal appearance was not satisfactory and he had a poor personality. It was subsequently stated that he presented an excellent personal appearance, went about his duties in an aggressive and methodical manner, had confidence in his ability and was an extremely diligent worker. He was amenable to discipline and suggestions at all times and there was nothing to indicate the over-bearing and cocky attitude referred to by his previous superiors. He had apparently remedied the deficiencies regarding personal conduct and demeanor as observed previously and, all in all, he was an employee who possessed ability and who would be an extremely valuable employee to the Bureau with additional experience.

Later reports submitted after he had been assigned as a Supervisor at the Seat of Government, reflected his work was entirely satisfactory, he was well versed in the Bureau's policies, had a very thorough knowledge of the cases he supervised and handled his work in an efficient manner. He aggressively followed up his cases, was rated among the six best speakers at the Seat of Government, and had made many talks and addresses, for which he received many commendatory letters. The talks which he had made, tours and other work required considerable time, necessitating that he put in long hours of overtime. Despite this fact, he suggested that the Bureau conduct an accounting school and had given freely of his time in lecturing before this school. Although he worked hard, he was always ready, willing and eager to take on any additional assignment or to assist any of the Bureau employees. He was one of the Bureau's most enthusiastic, loyal and conscientious employees, and these qualities, together with his commendable attitude, made him an outstanding Supervisor.

During this period, he served in Atlanta, Birmingham, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Los Angeles, and in various divisions at the Seat of Government, and advanced in grade and salary to CAF-13, \$6860 per annum. On 9/24/45, he was designated Assistant Chief of the Security Division.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-13, \$6860: On 3/31/46, Mr. Ladd rated him EXCELLENT and said that for the past year, Mr. Pennington had been Assistant Division Chief in Charge of the Accounting and Fraud Section of the Security Division. He had an excellent knowledge of accounting and an analytical mind which permitted his readily following the accounting work. He was extremely loyal to the Bureau, constantly strived to develop and improve relations for the Bureau, was a hard worker, possessed administrative and executive ability and had performed his functions in an excellent manner.

On 7/1/46, he was afforded a basic salary increase to \$7820.40 per annum, and on 1/12/47, his salary was increased to \$8059.80 per annum under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act.

On 3/31/47 Mr. Ladd rated him *EXCELLENT* and said he had a thorough grasp of accounting and accounting problems, had done considerable outside work in the field of public relations, all of which he handled on behalf of the Bureau, was an extremely hard worker and was possessed of administrative and executive ability.

On 5/28/47 he was transferred to the Investigative Division.

On 3/21/48 he was reallocated to Grade CAF-14, \$8179.50 per annum.

By letter dated 6/7/48, the Director congratulated him for the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties as chairman of the Annual Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery.

On 7/11/48 he received a basic salary increase to \$8509.50 per annum, and on 7/25/48 he received a uniform promotion to \$8803.75 per annum in CAF-14.

By letter dated 10/4/48 the Director congratulated him upon his election as President of the GAR Memorial Day Corporation.

On 10/4/48 Mr. Rosen rated him *EXCELLENT*.

By letter dated 1/11/49 the Director congratulated him on being appointed to a three-year term as a member of the National Americanism Commission, the American Legion.

On 3/31/49 Mr. Rosen rated him *EXCELLENT*.

By letter dated 5/6/49 he was awarded the Twenty-Year Service Award Key.

During an inspection of the Investigative Division in October, 1949, Inspector Harbo said he was well qualified for his present assignment as Chief of the Accounting Section.

On 10/30/49 he received a basic salary increase to \$9000 per annum in GS-14, and on 1/22/50 he received a uniform promotion to \$9200 per annum in GS-14.

By letter dated 2/15/50 the Director congratulated him upon his re-election as President of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Corporation.

By letter dated 3/13/50 he was *CAUTIONED* for the delay on the part of a supervisor in the Accounting Section, Cecil M. Miller, to bring to the attention of an appropriate superior the fact that a request had been received from the Department of Justice for an Antitrust investigation of the Ford Motor Company and a question remained as to whether adequate instructions had been issued to that supervisor regarding the proper handling of such matters.

On 3/31/50 Mr. Rosen rated him *EXCELLENT*.

A physical examination afforded him on 3/16/50 at the United States Naval

Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland certified him as capable of performing moderate physical exertion. The electrocardiogram revealed a right bundle branch block. He was afforded a cardiology consultation in this connection 4/7/50, and the cardiologist felt that in view of Pennington's age this defect was presumptive evidence of certain changes in his coronary circulation. He stated that in view of the absence of other symptoms and objective evidence of heart disease, he might continue to participate in all but the most strenuous activity.

By letter dated 9/20/50 he was CENSURED for the considerable delay in the transmission of a memorandum dated 9/11/50 from the Accounting and Fraud Section, which was under his supervision, to the Department concerning Gray Market activities in the steel industry, and to the erroneous date appearing in a subsequent memorandum which was submitted under the same caption on 9/15/50. With respect to the first matter it was noted that although information was received from the New York Office on 8/28/50 it took his section until 9/11/50 to complete the necessary memorandum for transmittal to the Department. There definitely was no excuse for such a delay and there was likewise no excuse for the carelessness reflected in the mistake which occurred in the memorandum of 9/15/50.

By letter dated 10/2/50 he was advised that the electrocardiogram afforded him 7/20/50 revealed no change. He should continue his regular duties and avoid other exertion.

His overtime for October, 1950 was 1 hour 21 minutes; November, 2 hours 8 minutes; December, 2 hours 15 minutes.

On 3/31/51 he was rated SATISFACTORY in the upper limits.

He was afforded a physical examination 4/9/51 at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, at which time he was certified for strenuous physical exertion. It was recommended he return for a repeat electrocardiogram in six months.

On 7/8/51 he received a basic salary increase to \$10,000 in Grade GS-14, and on 7/22/51 he received a uniform promotion to \$10,200 per annum in GS-14.

By letter dated 10/9/51 he was COMMENDED for the excellent services he rendered in connection with the survey made of the meat situation.

On 3/31/52 Mr. Winterrowd rated him SATISFACTORY and said he was a devoted, trusted and loyal employee. While he required some supervision in connection with handling of the Accounting, Fraud, SS and Civil Section, he was energetic and followed on matters closely according to the requirements of the situation. He was on sick leave on two different occasions since the first of the year as a result of an attack of virus influenza; it was believed he had recovered fully from this.

His overtime for March, 1952 was 2 hours 15 minutes.

On 4/1/52 he was afforded a physical examination at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, at which time he was certified for strenuous physical exertion. The electrocardiogram afforded him revealed a right bundle branch block in which connection the examiner made no recommendation.

He attended In-Service Training on June 2, 9 and 10, 1952.

By letter dated 7/17/52 the Director congratulated him upon his election as National Executive Committeeman of the American Legion for the District of Columbia.

On 7/20/52 he was reallocated to Grade GS-15, \$10,800 per annum.

By letter dated 7/21/52 he was CENSURED for his carelessness in mislaying certain mail pertaining to the case entitled "Northern Ordnance, Inc., Northern Pump Company, Fraud Against the Government". His carelessness in this instance resulted in this case not being closely followed by the Seat of Government as it should have been. He was undoubtedly aware of the importance of properly and carefully maintaining all pertinent material relating to official investigations.

During an inspection of the Investigative Division in August, 1952, Inspector Brown said he was an excellent contact man for the Bureau. A substantial portion of his time was devoted to such work, particularly with American Legion matters. He was thoroughly experienced in accounting and related matters and afforded the work of his Section close supervision. His supervision was considered well above average as to detail. His overtime for the months of May, June, and July, 1952 averaged 3 hours 24 minutes per day.

His overtime for August, 1952 was 3 hours 44 minutes, with 1 hour 39 minutes travel overtime.

By letter dated 11/28/52 he was CENSURED for the extended period which was necessary to complete the investigation in the case entitled [redacted] Bribery, which was supervised by his section. This case was an important one and yet the investigation covered a period of approximately four months. Various delays occurred on the part of the field, but no explanations were requested as to reasons for them. The Bureau felt that it was his responsibility to see that the field was followed closely in order that cases handled by his section were completed at the earliest possible date.

By letter dated 12/5/52 he was CENSURED inasmuch as during the past year instructions were issued to the field by supervisors in the Investigative Division on three separate occasions as the result of the passage by Congress of Public Law number 79, Eighty-Second Congress. This law related to the handling of Bribery investigations emanating in another government department. However, in none of these instances were appropriate manual changes submitted and as a result the Bureau's records in this regard were incomplete.

By letter dated 1/6/53 he was CENSURED concerning his delinquency and that of other Bureau officials to initiate necessary action to assure adequate coverage of matters arising in the New York waterfront area as revealed during public hearings. The possibility of the existence of Federal violations apparently was entirely overlooked by him in his supervisory capacity. b6 b7C

By letter dated 2/3/53 he was CENSURED after the Bureau had carefully reviewed the circumstances relating to the handling of an allegation that a Special Agent formerly serving as a supervisor in his section had in 1947 authorized an attorney of the Department of Justice to furnish portions of a Bureau investigative report in the case entitled [redacted] Et Al; Fraud Against the Government," to an outside individual and it was apparent that he, himself, were remiss in this situation and also the handling of the collection of information regarding the allegation which was under his supervision was entirely unsatisfactory. Specifically, he was informed on January 14, 1953, that the attorney in question had a notation in his diary upon which the allegation was based. He neglected to secure the exact wording of this diary entry in order that the Bureau might be in possession of full and complete details when ascertaining the facts. In addition no effort was made at that time to contact the agent at his present office of assignment in order to secure his comments and explanation with regard to the allegation in the diary entry. It should have been perfectly clear to him that this action was necessary in a matter of such importance.

On 3/31/53 Mr. Malley rated him SATISFACTORY and said he was energetic and followed matters under his supervision according to the requirements of the situation. He was rated in the upper limits of Satisfactory.

His overtime average for April, 1953, was 3 hours 11 minutes.

By letter dated 5/12/53 the Director expressed his appreciation for all that Mr. Pennington had done over the years to establish the wonderful spirit of cooperation and friendship which existed between the American Legion and the FBI. He realized perhaps better than anyone else who was present the previous morning in the Director's office how much it meant to the Director to receive the High Legion Citation of the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion. The Director was particularly pleased that he was designated to present the medal, and it was fitting that he should do so. To say that the Director was deeply honored to receive this award was most inadequate. His words of presentation were impressive and highly gratifying to the Director.

During an Inspection of the Investigative Division in May, 1953, Inspector Mason said he was adequate and competent in his present position.

By letter dated 9/14/53 he was COMMENDED for the splendid manner in which he carried out his heavy responsibilities in connection with the national convention of the American Legion in St. Louis.

On 10-27-53 the Director saw him and said Inspector Pennington called to see him and stated that he had been offered the position to head up all of the Americanism work of the American Legion and that while he was loathe to leave the Bureau, this new position would give him an income of \$300 a month more than he was receiving in the Bureau and would enable him at the same time to carry on more actively some of the work which he had been interested in in the Legion. The Director said he told Mr. Pennington that he was most regretful of his decision to retire but that obviously he would not urge him to pass up an opportunity that might afford him a larger income and, at the same time, be agreeable and pleasant work. Mr. Pennington stated he wanted the Bureau to feel that he was still a part of it and he would be ready to respond to any requests for assistance or information in his new field of endeavor.

By letter dated 11-2-53 he requested retirement, to be effective at the close of business 11-13-53. It is noted he ceased duty on 11-13-53.

By letter dated 11-5-53 he was advised that his request for retirement was being accepted effective 11-30-53.

On his cease duty report Mr. Malley rated him SATISFACTORY and said Mr. Pennington was in charge of the Accounting, Fraud, Selective Service and Civil Section of the Investigative Division from 4-1 to 7-24-53, at which time there was a reorganization in the Investigative Division. Since 7-24-53 he had been Unit Chief of the Accounting Unit in the Investigative Division. He had performed his official duties in an entirely satisfactory manner. In addition to his official duties at the Seat of Government, he had handled a number of matters in which the Bureau had considerable interest in a highly satisfactory manner, and he had been commended on two occasions during this rating period for his work along these lines. He was considered an outstanding Bureau representative. Mr. Malley said that this was a special report in view of his retirement, active duty ceasing, 11-13-53. At such time he wished the record to show that he had been associated with him for many years and he had never called upon him for any task for which he was not readily available and willing to participate.

By memorandum dated 11-13-53 Mr. Nichols advised that at the farewell party for Mr. Pennington on Thursday evening, he thought Mr. Pennington exhibited an excellent attitude. In his comments he made some very fine and spirited remarks. In a private conversation, he expressed the hope that we would not treat him as an ex-Bureau employee but that we would call on him whenever it was necessary and that he could at any time pick up the phone and swing into action and accomplish things he could never accomplish while in the Bureau. Mr. Nichols advised that he didn't think there was any question as to Mr. Pennington's basic loyalties. In the course of the conversation, he stated that the National Commander of the American Legion had called him late the day before and had asked if there would be any possibility of the Director making some statement about Lee's taking over the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Lee stated that he was very reluctant to ask for this and what did Mr. Nichols think. Mr. Nichols said he told him that the Director

would be very happy to send a note to the National Commander. Mr. Pennington stated it would be most appreciated and would be very helpful to him. By letter dated 11-16-53 to Honorable Arthur Connell, National Commander, The American Legion, Washington D. C., the Director extended his congratulations on securing the services of Mr. Lee R. Pennington for the all important post of Director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion.

By letter dated 11-18-53 to the Director, Mr. Pennington advised that he was fortunate enough to see the ~~entire~~ broadcast of the Director's testimony on 11-17-53 in connection with the Harry Dexter White Case, and felt that the Director did a whale of a job for the Bureau. By letter dated 11-25-53 his letter of 11-18-53 was acknowledged by the Bureau.

By letter dated 12-7-53 he was presented with a plaque which had his FBI badge mounted thereon.

By letter dated 12-9-53 to the Director, he expressed his appreciation for the letter of 12-7-53 and the plaque that he received.



FBI PERSONAL STATUS FORM

December 31, 1950

(PLEASE PRINT)

1. Payroll name and residence address LEE R. PENNINGTON  
12 TAYLOR ST.  
CHEVY CHASE, MD.
2. Legal Residence: City CHEVY CHASE State MARYLAND ✓
3. Field Office \_\_\_\_\_ If assigned to SOG, show instead: Division No. 6 Section ACCTG, FRAUD Unit S.S. & CIVIL
4. Service & Grade (GS 3, CPC 2, etc.) GS 14 5. Annual Salary \$9200
6. Date of birth NOV. 19, 1894 7. Sex MALE 8. Latest EOD date MAY 6, 1929
9. Prior Service with FBI, if any: (Show all EOD & Cease Duty dates):  
 EOD \_\_\_\_\_ Ceased Duty \_\_\_\_\_; EOD \_\_\_\_\_ Ceased Duty \_\_\_\_\_
10. Marital Status: (Check one)  
 1. Single 2. Married ✓ 3. Divorced  
 4. Widowed 5. Separated
11. Veteran Status: (Check one. Include service serial number):  
 1. Non-Veteran 2. Veteran - World War I  
 ✓ 3. 10-Point Veteran - World War I 4. Veteran - World War II  
 5. 10-Point Veteran - World War II 6. Veteran - Other  
 7. Wife of Disabled Veteran or Widow of Veteran 8. Merchant Marine
12. Reserve Status: (Show whether inactive or active, branch of service, and rank); or National Guard status (show unit and rank):  
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13. No. of children & birth dates: ONE FEB. 8, 1921
14. Office of preference: 1. WASHINGTON 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Chevy Chase

Lee R. Pennington  
 Signature

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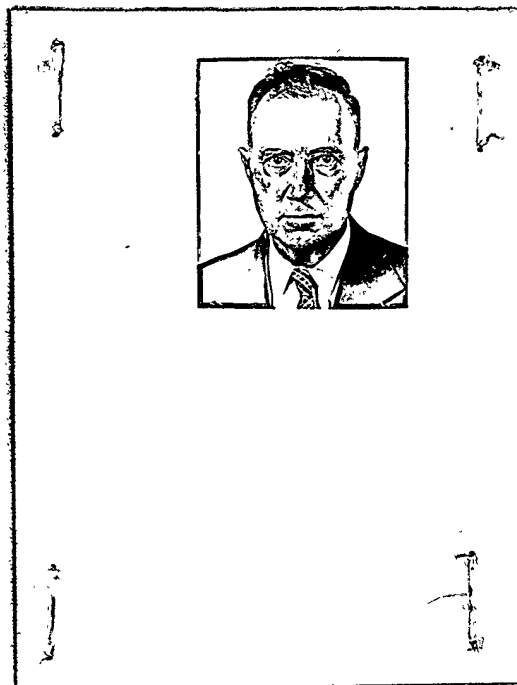
ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF LEE R. PENNINGTON OUT OF SERVICE

ENTERED ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON, D. C. ON MAY 6, 1929

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Division Six	Mar. 1938
Ass't. Chief of Investigative Unit	12-1-40
Division Five-Security	8-1-45
Ass't Chief, Security Div.	
Division Five	9-24-45
Division Six	5-28-47
RETIREMENT	11-30-53

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11-1-33	CAF 12	\$4600
7-16-34	CAF 12	\$4800
9-1-35	CAF 12	\$5000
12-1-35	CAF 12	\$5200
1-1-37	CAF 12	\$5400
12-1-40	CAF 13	\$5600
2-14-43	CAF 13	\$5800
7-1-43	CAF-13	\$6000
7-1-45	CAF-13	\$6650
7-2-45	CAF-13	\$6860
7-1-46	CAF-13	\$7820.40
1-12-47	CAF-13	\$8059.80
3-21-48	CAF-14	\$8179.50
7-11-48	CAF-14	\$8509.50
7-25-48	CAF-14	\$8803.75
10-30-49	GS 14	\$9000
1-22-50	GS-14	\$9200
7-22-51	GS-14	\$9400
7/8/51	GS-14	\$10,000
7/22/51	GS-14	\$10,200
7-20-52	GS-15	\$10,800
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1948 EXCELLENT		
MAR 31 1949 EXCELLENT		

LEE R. PENNINGTON



DATE TAKEN JUNE. 1952

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

1608 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.  
December 9, 1953  
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You do not know how deeply I appreciate your letter of December 7  
together with the badge I carried so many years.

As many of the FBI and American Legion programs definitely work  
for the same purpose, I really am delighted that you and other  
officials of the FBI make me feel that I am still a part of the  
organization.

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director  
National Americanism Commission

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AMERICAN LEGION CONTACTS

Attached hereto is the Holiday Edition, 1953, of the "Lawrenceville Legionnaire," published by Lawrenceville Post No. 531, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is noted that on Page 4 an article appears concerning Inspector LEE E. PENNINGTON of the Bureau, who has been named as director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion.

The attached is being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information.

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## FBI INSPECTOR NEW DIRECTOR AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Indianapolis, Ind., November 30 (ALNS) - Lee R. Pennington, veteran inspector assigned to Washington headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been named as director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion.

He succeeded Allen B. Willard of Manchester, N. H., "who recently resigned.

Pennington's appointment was announced by National Commander Arthur J. Connell. He assumed his new duties of National Headquarters here November 23.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, complimented the National Commander the The American Legion on the appointment of Pennington, whom he highly praised for his "achievements, loyalty and devotion to duty and a compelling urge to serve his country!"

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ENCLOSURE

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 5, 1953

Supervisor Roy Wood, of the Investigative Division, stopped by my office this afternoon and left the attached two tickets -- for you and Mr. Tolson <sup>LEAD</sup> for the Farewell Party being given Mr. Pennington on November 12, 1953. Mr. Wood stated they very much hoped that both you and Mr. Tolson would be able to be with them on this occasion.

Attachments  
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*Place on appt. book  
an tentative and hold  
tickets for Mr. Hoover.  
HWS*

*our book, HC + MB*

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gearty \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd *WHR*  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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## NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR., MISS, MRS., FIRST - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST) <b>MR. L. R. PENNINGTON</b>		2. DATE OF BIRTH <b>11-19-94</b>	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION No. <b>F. B. I. 10442</b>	4. DATE <b>11-30-53</b>
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) <b>RETIREMENT (SA WITH 20 YEARS INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE)</b>		6. EFFECTIVE DATE <b>cb 11-30-53</b>	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY	
FROM <b>Inspector (A)</b>  <b>GS 15</b> <b>\$10,800 per annum</b>		8. POSITION TITLE  9. SERVICE, SERIES, SALARY, GRADE  10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS  11. HEADQUARTERS		
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18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO) <b>Yes</b>		19. DATE OF APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS (ACCESSIONS ONLY)		20. LEGAL RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMED <input type="checkbox"/> PROVED STATE:
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REMARKS: Retirement in view of Section 1 (D) of the Civil Service Retirement Act. Lv. in the amt. of 675 hrs. plus 3 holidays thru 12:00 noon 4-1-54. Annuity payments to begin 12-1-53. Forwarding Address: 12 Taylor Street Chevy Chase, Maryland				
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NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

January 15, 1954

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Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Assistant to The Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Micky:

I have read with considerable interest the January 1954 issue of "Expose". Starting on the front page it contains a vicious article concerning the Bureau.

In reading the subversive and leftist publications here in Indianapolis, it appears to the Research Specialists that the Communist Front groups are intensifying their attempts to discredit the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The boys would very much like to have an entire issue of The Firing Line to contain nothing but information concerning attacks on the Bureau and giving in it, insofar as possible, the backgrounds of the individuals and people responsible for those articles.

I am wondering whether any of the boys in the Security Division have been keeping track of this stuff. I will drop in and see you about it upon my return to Washington the latter part of next week. I thought somebody might be more or less keeping track of this kind of tripe.

I located a book here in the Legion Library which, I understand, is of considerable value and I was wondering whether the Bureau had this. I understand that immediately after its publication in 1937 the U.S.S.R. withdrew it from circulation and destroyed every copy they could possibly get their hands on. A former Ambassador to Russia had a copy and furnished it to The Legion. It is entitled "Report of Court Proceedings in the Case of the Anti-Soviet Trotskyite Center". It was heard before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, January 23rd, 1937, and it is indicated as a verbatim report.

Frankly, I don't know whether this would be of any value to the Bureau or not. I really can't know whether you have it, but from glancing through it appears that Vishinsky was the Prosecutor. If the Bureau doesn't have it, I would appreciate if you would notify me here, and, if I am able to procure it, I will bring it with me next week and will then try to make arrangements to have it photostated.

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director  
National Americanism Commission

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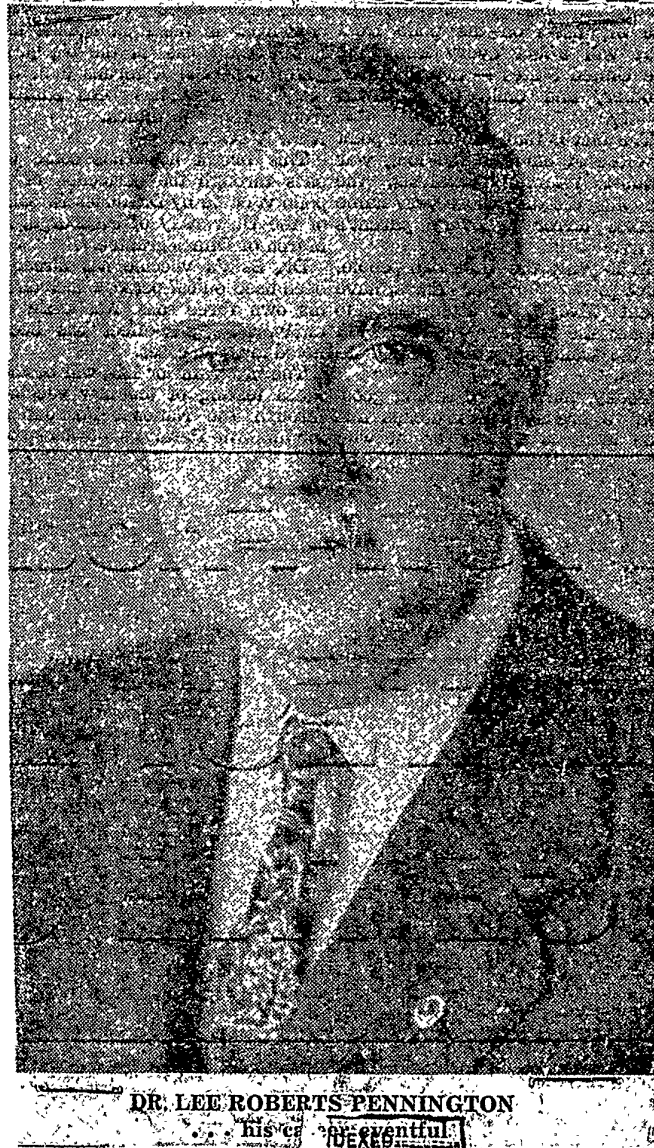
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# WEST VIRGINIANS WHO HAVE MADE GOOD Legion Names Native Of State To Head Important Activities



DR. LEE ROBERTS PENNINGTON  
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All of Pennington's energies have not been confined to his important work with the FBI or the Legion. For the past 10 years, he has been a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan YMCA in Washington, and until last year he served as chairman of the board of management of the Central YMCA in the nation's capital. For the last five years, he has been president of the C. A. R. Memorial Day Corp. which has charge of the annual Memorial Day services in the National Amphitheater at Arlington, Va. This organization annually decorates the graves of approximately 126,000 veterans in the metropolitan area of Washington.

He is an energetic and aggressive personality, and a straightforward speaker. He addressed the Charleston Rotary club a few years ago and related some of his experiences in the FBI, and also told some of the highlights of the famous Dillinger case. He has spoken in Logan, and is a well-known figure in Legion circles throughout the state and has attended many of the department conventions of West Virginia Legionnaires. He was last in West Virginia in 1952 when he attended the University's Bankers School, held at Jackson's Mill, where he attended the University's Bankers School, held at Jackson's

Mill, where he spoke to the state banking leaders on the subject of bank defaultations.

#### CULTIVATES FLOWERS

The flower gardens around his home in Chevy Chase, Md., are his only hobby, but he confesses to missing his occasional golf game. He is a member of the University of Maryland Alumni Assn., the school from which his father, himself, and his only son, William C. Pennington, are graduates. His son is a certified public accountant with the office of special investigations of the air force. During World War II, Bill served in the Southwest Pacific on a destroyer and terminated his service as a lieutenant, senior grade. His daughter-in-law, the former Marcia Lewis, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., was a Wave during World War II, served as a lieutenant (jg) and all three are members of the same Legion post in the District of Columbia. There are two grandchildren now to help occupy grandfather's time.

Pennington is a Kentucky colonel, a Nebraska Admiral and an Arkansas Traveller, all honorary commissions, granted to him by governors of those states.

Three of his brothers and one sister are still living. Sam lives in Baltimore, Walter in Havre de Grace, and Liston in Chicago. His only sister, Mrs. James K. Conner, makes her home in Ridley Park, Pa.

It was the day before Pennington was 59 years old that he was "officially born." After many requests by friends in West Virginia to obtain a birth certificate, Pennington was rewarded on Nov. 18. The state had no Bureau of Vital Statistics at the time of his birth and it was never officially recorded until last month. He is proud to have official proof that he's a native son, just as West Virginians are proud of his distinguished career with the Hoover men and in the important post he will fill with the American Legion. Mr. Hoover in a letter to National commander Arthur Connell, of Middletown, Conn., said: "Mr. Pennington will give all his energy and support to fulfilling the original task of the Americanism Commission. I wish for him a continuation of the successes which have characterized his endeavors in the past. I think the American Legion is indeed fortunate in now having Mr. Pennington in its ranks."

By W. E. MILLER

### Feature Writer For The Daily Mail

One of the American Legion's most important jobs, that of director of the National Americanism Commission, is now filled by a native West Virginian from Berkeley county.

Lee Roberts Pennington, Jr., born in Martinsburg, to Dr. Lee Roberts Pennington and Mary Laurelie Hulett Pennington on Nov. 19, 1894, resigned his post as a veteran inspector for the Federal Bureau of Investigation last month to assume his new duties with offices in Indianapolis and Washington.

When J. Edgar Hoover congratulated Pennington on his new position, he said: "Mr. Pennington's long career in the FBI is one marked with achievement, loyalty, devotion to duty and a compelling urge to serve his country."

Budget wise, the National Americanism Commission is the second largest Legion activity, next only to the Rehabilitation Commission, and due to current events, its importance is mounting daily. Pennington is one of the top paid men in the 3,000,000 member organization.

In his new job, Pennington will handle all subversive activity matters for the American Legion, publish the Firing Line, a bi-weekly pamphlet on communism; head the Junior American Legion baseball program, the Legion's Safety program, Boy Scout activities, Boys' States and Boys' Nation, the annual oratorical contest on the Constitution and Bill of Rights, which is now nation-wide, and arrange for the Citizenship Awards to Junior and Senior high school students, as well as handle all immigration matters of interest to the Legion. To do this job and answer the 101 demands that will be made on him daily, he has a trained staff of 12.

#### ALREADY ON JOB

Already busy at his new job, he has set the 1951 Junior Baseball national finals in Yakima, Wash., and set April 7 as the date for the National High School oratorical finals in Los Angeles.

Pennington was one of seven children, and his father was the family dentist of the late former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, of Martinsburg.

He graduated from Havre de Grace high school in 1911 and in the autumn of that year entered the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1915 with a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering.

His college years were full of activity. He joined Sigma Chi fraternity, and was a member of the relay and track team from 1912 through 1915, and also its manager during his senior year. He won a gold watch as a member of the winning relay team at the Penn Relays in 1915, the four-man team that captured the Maryland state championship the same year.

It was during his college days that he met his wife, the former Catherine Carter, a Virginia girl, who was a student at George Washington university, and honorary sponsor of his ROTC company at Maryland. His company won top honors in competitive drill during his senior year, and Pennington was awarded a saber for commanding the best drilled company. Mrs. Pennington's grandfather was an officer in the Confederate Army and was wounded in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg.

After graduation, Pennington was employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia for a period of several months, after which he joined Western Union in the Quaker City as a plant inspector. He worked later as a mechanical engineer at the du Pont plant in Hopewell, Va., and when war came in 1917, he was

employed as an engineer in the office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

#### BRENGS INFLUENCE

He attempted to enter the first officer's training camp at Fort Meyer, Va., soon after war clouds gathered, but was turned down as "essential" in his job. It took his father's patient Newton D. Baker, then secretary of war, to obtain a release, and he was able to enter the second officer's encampment in August, 1917. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in November of that year, and reported to the machine gun company of the 60th infantry, 5th division at Camp Greene, N. C. He sailed for England the following April and crossed the English channel to France on a cattle boat to enter a combat training area, from which he graduated from the machine gun schools at Chatillon sur Seine and Langres. Subsequently he served in two defensive sectors, the Anould and St. Die. He was a part of the first all-American drive in St. Mihiel and in the Argonne Forest. He was wounded on Nov. 6, 1918, five days before the armistice.

During occupation he played on the 9th grade football team and later as athletic officer for the 1st division. He returned to the United States in July, 1919 after eight months of occupation duty, and was discharged as a first lieutenant the following month. He won the Silver Star and a Purple Heart during his two year's service in the army.

He was back only five months when on Jan. 17, 1920, he married pretty Catherine Carter, and they went to the University of Wisconsin, where Lee studied agriculture, and he was chosen as creamery manager of Golden & Co., in Washington, D. C., until the firm went out of business in 1923.

Various jobs occupied his time and he was a night student at Southeastern university in the nation's capital, where he studied accounting, and received a B. C. S. degree in 1928. That winter a friend interested him in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he took the examination for appointment the following spring, and was appointed on May 6, 1929. He moved around the country in his work as an FBI inspector, first to Atlanta, then to Birmingham, Washington, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. He had wanted a job that was not humdrum, and he found it. He says the army had ruined him for any sedentary job. As an inspector he supervised the work of field offices on certain classifications, and during the last few years handled all their accounting work. He continued his studies in accounting and in 1935 was awarded a master's degree at Southeastern.

#### BROAD EXPERIENCE

During his FBI career he supervised work on kidnappings, bank robberies and high jackings, and handled one kidnapping case in West Virginia in the early 1930's in which the kidnapers threw an old doctor down a mine shaft and then tossed shale upon him. The culprits were apprehended and paid with their lives for this crime. His FBI work was never without change. He was an agent in the field, an agent in charge of a district, and when he left on Nov. 13, 1953 after 24 year's service he was an inspector at FBI headquarters in Washington. While with the FBI he did their liaison work with the Americanism Commission of the Legion.

Pennington's first association with the American Legion was in 1932. He was initially interested in 1919 when he returned from France, but was too busy trying to earn a living to participate in outside activities. He joined Department of Justice post No. 41 in the District of Columbia, was its post commander, and during 1944-45 was department commander of the District of Columbia. From 1948 to 1952 he served on the National Americanism Commission, and in 1952 was elected to the national executive committee for a two year term, representing the District of Columbia.

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 2-1-54

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

*Lee Pennington*

After discussing with you the subject matter covered in the attached letter from Mr. Pennington to Mr. Ladd, I talked to Mr. Pennington this morning after he returned from about ten days of sickness and advised him that we had considered in the Bureau at some length the advisability of the Commission's dedicating an issue of the Firing Line to the refutation of attacks by Communists on the Bureau and had concluded that it probably would be better not to make a great issue over the matter; that scarcely a day passed during which some subversive publication did not avail itself of the freedom of the press and cast aspersions upon the conduct of the Bureau with the obvious intent of embarrassing or harassing the Bureau and the Director; and that we should expect such attacks. It was pointed out that it appeared that the compilation of such data might serve as the basis for additional attacks by misguided persons and that to accurately and forcefully refute all such allegations would require considerable work on the part of the Bureau and possibly the disclosure of confidential information and confidential techniques. It was, therefore, our considered opinion that no action along these lines should be taken at this particular time.

Our sincere appreciation for Pennington's continued interest in the welfare of the Bureau as evidenced by this communication, as well as others along a similar line, was expressed to him.

It will also be noted that he mentioned as of possible interest that if we did not already have it, he would attempt to obtain for us a copy of a booklet entitled "Report of Court Proceedings in the Case of the Anti-Soviet Trotskyite Center," which he thought might be of interest. I told Mr. Pennington that we already had in our files a copy of this publication.

Pennington expressed appreciation for my interest in calling him concerning the matter and made comments reflecting his continued concern for the welfare of the Bureau.

ACTION: None. This is for information.

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CC: Mr. Baumgardner

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TO

Mr. Tolson

DATE: FEB. 24, 1954

FROM

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Former Inspector L. R. Pennington advised Mr. McGuire at 5:25 p.m. tonight that he had fired [redacted] who had been employed at the Americanism Commission of the American Legion in Indianapolis as he, Pennington, had found out that [redacted] had been drinking, molesting women and, in particular, had been trying to undermine Pennington; and that now [redacted] is making wild statements in Indianapolis about Pennington and his firing him and has made the statement in some bars around Indianapolis that he is coming to Washington to expose Pennington to J. Edgar Hoover.

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According to Pennington, [redacted] is a former member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who worked in an undercover capacity for the New York Office until it was ascertained he was selling out data to Counter-attack. Pennington said [redacted] is a congenital liar and there is no reason the Director should waste any time with him, and he wanted the Director to be forewarned in the event [redacted] made any overtures to come in and see the Director.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Holloman

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Wm*

DATE: 1/25/54

FROM : *H. H. Clegg* H. H. Cleggb6  
b7CSUBJECT: FORMER CLERK, MECHANICAL SECTION  
EOB 6/2/52  
RESIGNED 11/6/53BACKGROUND:

By letter 1/25/54, Savannah Office advised that based on complaints that  was exhibiting FBI credentials in the vicinity of Aiken, South Carolina, complainants and associates of  were interviewed, and so was . The Savannah Office developed that  had been employed from 1949 in the Mechanical Section of the Bureau and that he did not turn in his building pass when he resigned, stating that he had misplaced the pass, but found it after resigning and returning to Aiken.  further stated the reason he did not mail the building pass to the Bureau was because he wanted a souvenir of the Bureau, and that he found the pass about November 1, 1953 (resigned November 6, 1953).  also stated that  at the Bureau he had three photostats made of his building pass, does not know what happened to these photostats, and he named several other employees who had made photostats of building passes in the past.

FINDINGS:

Pursuant to the Director's instructions to look into this entire matter, Jason made a check of the property records kept by the Administrative Division. It was found that the Personnel Actions Unit of the Administrative Division (which has the responsibility for preparing correspondence accepting resignations and notifying people that they have been removed from the rolls for other reasons, such as, dismissal) telephonically notifies the Property Section of each person who has resigned or is being separated from the rolls. The Property Section has an index card for every employee and that card lists all property in the possession of the employee. If the property is the type that has serial numbers, such additional identification is also shown on the card. Immediately upon notification that a person is to be separated from the service for any reason, the Property Section removes that individual's property card from the alphabetical repository and places it

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cc: Mr. Glavin

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January 2, 1954

Re: [redacted] Former Clerk, Mechanical Section

in a separate drawer reserved solely for persons who are being separated. The effective date of the separation is posted to the card. These cards are followed at weekly intervals until return of property.

With regard to [redacted] the property card shows that [redacted] claimed he lost his building pass and this notation is supported by a memorandum in the file of [redacted] dated October 28, 1953, prepared by Mr. R. C. Renneberger, addressed to Mr. Glavin and reporting that [redacted] lost his building pass on October 20, 1953. [redacted] did not report this loss to Mr. Renneberger until October 28, 1953, and was reprimanded for the delay. [redacted] submitted his resignation on October 21, 1953, the day after he allegedly lost the building pass. Following the loss, a temporary building pass was issued to [redacted] and it was properly collected on the effective date of his resignation. It will be recalled that the Savannah Office reported that [redacted] claimed he found the initial building pass in his suitcase shortly after he returned to Aiken, South Carolina, in early November, 1953.

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It is further noted that [redacted] advised an Agent of the Savannah Office that the only person to whom he had shown his building pass was a friend named [redacted]. Upon interview, [redacted] volunteered seeing the building pass and so did [redacted] a DeFont Company employee at Aiken.

An analysis of property records pertaining to all persons who are being separated from the service because of resignations or otherwise, reflects that the records are properly maintained with due regard to convenience and efficiency and are checked weekly; however, the following questions arise:

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(1) [redacted] (Albuquerque). Assigned effective 12/18/53. Property not yet received in Bureau. This matter has been followed, on three occasions, with the Special Agent in Charge at Albuquerque, who has now telephonically advised that in view of the tremendous amount of Atomic Energy Applicant work being handled by his clerical staff there has been a delay in forwarding [redacted] property to the Bureau. It will be forwarded immediately. 12/15/53 SAC Bryce advised all property had been secured and would be forwarded.

(2) Pennington, Lee (Bureau). Retired 11/20/53. Building parking pass not yet returned and Mr. Pennington believes that this has been destroyed. The Property Section has continuously followed this matter with Mr. Pennington. At the time of the preparation of this memorandum the Property Section had already prepared a memorandum requesting that this building pass be written off since Mr. Pennington cannot locate it.



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Re: [redacted]  
Former Clerk, Mechanical Section

The letter to a clerk accepting a resignation contains a notation on the carbon copy thereof which is addressed to the SAC instructing the SAC to collect the property of the clerk and return it to the Bureau when the employee ceases duty. Inasmuch as Special Agents normally receive a great deal more property than clerks, a separate form is addressed to the SAC regarding Agents being separated and this form lists all property charged to the employee by the Bureau and instructs the SAC to collect the property and return it to the Seat of Government. As previously pointed out, the collection of this property is followed by the Property Section weekly; however, occasionally it may take a month or a little longer before certain property arrives at the Bureau, which may be due to not promptly shipping the property from the field office, delay enroute, or some other reason. Nevertheless, the Property Section follows until the property is received and, if necessary, corresponds with the field to expedite the submission of property.

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(1) [redacted] The peculiar circumstances of [redacted] allegedly losing his building pass on October 20, 1953, resigning on October 21, 1953, and then not reporting the loss of the building pass until October 28, 1953, and subsequently finding it in his suitcase upon his return to Aiken and his failure to mail the pass to the Bureau, along with the fact that he exhibited the pass at Aiken, might give rise to the belief that he never actually lost it, but desired to keep a "souvenir" of his Bureau service. It might also be construed that [redacted] intended to embezzle the pass. It is recommended that the Savannah Office present to the appropriate United States Attorney the facts of this situation. If approved, there is attached for signature a letter to SAC Savannah. Savannah should also present to the U. S. Attorney the impersonation aspects.

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(2) The Civil Service Commission informally advises that since [redacted] resignation has been accepted (he resigned

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Re: [redacted]

Former Clerk, Mechanical Section

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to enter the armed forces and claims he is presently waiting to be called to active duty with the Air Force; the resignation cannot be changed to any more severe action, such as, dismissal. It is recommended that his resignation stand as is, that this memorandum be placed in [redacted] personnel file, that [redacted] not be favorably considered for reinstatement at any future date, and that a favorable recommendation not be given concerning him in the event one is requested in the future, and that [redacted] be strongly admonished by an appropriate representative of the Savannah Office. If you approve of the admonishing, the attached letter to SAC, Savannah, so instructs.

*Agree 1/26*

He does not have  
MANDATORY RESTORATION RIGHTS.

*Agree 1/27/54*

(3) It will be recalled that the Personnel Actions Unit of the Administrative Division notifies the Property Records Unit by phone of persons who are being separated from the service. In addition, the Property Unit double checks the status of employees by consulting the daily work sheets issued by the Personnel Actions unit. No deficiencies have been observed as to the present system. It is believed desirable that a carbon copy of each letter accepting a resignation or removing a person from the rolls be made available to the Property Unit. The phone call can be eliminated except in emergency situations. Thus the Property Unit will have a document on which to base its action and to use as a check-up. It is more recommended that a carbon copy of each letter be so furnished in the future. If approved, the attached memorandum says appropriate instructions.

*I have no objection but the telephone call in my opinion eliminates possibility of lost copies not reaching us.*

*H. H.*

*Agree 1/27*

*OK 1/27/54*

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

Re: [redacted]

Former Clerk, Mechanical Section.

(4) Presently the Property Records Unit does not post to individual property cards follow-up action taken to secure custody of property which may have been delayed in transmission to the Bureau. It is suggested that such pencilled notation be placed on the cards in the future so that each card involving a person's pending separation from the service will show the full status of the matter at a glance. The additional work involved would be negligible. If approved, the attached memorandum conveys appropriate instructions.

Agreed 1/26  
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Agreed 1/27

(5) In this instance, Mr. Renneberger reported to Mr. Glavin the loss by [redacted] of the building pass. It is suggested that in the future when an employee loses property, the employee himself be required to submit a memorandum bearing his own autographic initials, describing the facts of the loss, to eliminate any possibility of dispute as to whether the property was actually lost, and to pin the matter down more forcefully in the event the employee is lying. If approved, an appropriate SAC Letter is attached and the Manuals Desk will adjust the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

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(6) With regard to the Director's instructions to look into procedures in the Mechanical Section, it is our plan to provide a complete inspection. Mason will handle and promptly submit a report.

Agreed 1/27  
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July 20, 1954

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to our memorandum of July 6, 1954, in instant matter enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 20, 1954, at Washington, D. C., and one set of the enclosures to that report.

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There are enclosed herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent William L. Martindale, dated June 24, 1954, at Washington, D. C., and one set of the enclosures to that report. There are also enclosed one Photostat of the invitation of the Mexican Legion of San Francisco which is in Spanish and the translation thereof, and one copy of the translation of the newspaper article received from Leon Edward Jurras on June 15, 1954, and referred to on page 6 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the enclosed report.

The enclosed report contains the contents of a letter from Mr. Herbert D. Yates, Secretary-Treasurer, Pan American Foundation Against Communism, 7901 14th Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland, dated June 10, 1954. It is noted Mr. Yates stated that his organization has the "blessing of the American Legion in the persons of Messrs. Ed McGinnis and Lee Pennington." The report reflects that Mr. Lee Pennington, Chairman, National Americanism Commission, American Legion, Washington, D. C., denied he has ever approved any of the activities of the Pan-American Foundation Against Communism or the Mexican Legion. The report also contains the results of the interview of Leon Edward Jurras on June 15, 1954. It is noted that at that time Jurras made available additional correspondence which had been received by him, one being a letter dated March 18, 1954, from Raul L. Molina, International Director, Mexican Legion, Mexico City. This letter was referred for

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funds. It is further noted on page 7 line 15 of the enclosed report that Jurras stated that he has no objection to registering under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, if the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department should advise him that he is required to register.

When you have reviewed the enclosed material, as well as the other material submitted previously, we would appreciate being advised whether the subjects are amenable to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and if a violation of the Voorhis Act is indicated.

A copy of the attached report and the enclosures mentioned above have been furnished to the Department of State.

*[Signature]*  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 8, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION  
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 1954

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In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated September 3, 1954, Mr. Nichols gave the high lights of the American Legion Convention with emphasis on the Bureau's particular interests. The information in this memorandum resulted from coverage of the Legion Convention by Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning.

On pages 4 and 5 of referenced memorandum under a subcaption "Miscellaneous," there was set forth information received from Mr. Edward Bundy of the Illinois Department of the American Legion which indicated that the Illinois Department was extremely dissatisfied with former Bureau inspector Lee Pennington, now director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. It was stated, "...The Illinois Department was extremely agitated at Pennington because he had failed to bring to the floor of the General Assembly numerous documents and pamphlets regarding the fight against Communism. This included some several thousand documents which Pennington asked that the FBI prepare for him so that they could be given away on the floor of the General Assembly." In regard to the above quote, Mr. Tolson noted, "What were they?" and the Director noted, "I would like to know."

In regard to these inquiries, the following is pointed out. In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated August 10, 1954, Mr. Nichols advised that Inspector DeLoach and Special Agent Hanning had luncheon on that same date with Pennington at which time matters concerning the forthcoming American Legion Convention were discussed. Pennington specifically requested 5,000 copies of each of the following public source pamphlets which we had previously issued.

- (1) Breaking the Communist Spell (This Week Magazine, 11-1-53)
- (2) Communist Threat in U. S. (U. S. News and World Reports 3-30-51)
- (3) Communist Virus (The Times-Herald, Washington, D. C., 6-21-53)
- (4) How to Fight Communism (Newsweek 6-9-47)
- (5) Red Infiltration of Labor Unions (AF of L "Labor Guide" Preview issue, Fall 1953)
- (6) Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the U. S. (American Legion Magazine 3-54)

We also prepared 2,000 copies of the Congressional Record relative to the recent speech of Senator Harry W. Goldwater who on August 29, 1954, attacked Alan Barth's criticism of the FBI. You will recall that Barth's criticism generally concerned FBI reports.

cc - Mr. Nichols  
cc - Mr. Holloman

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September 8, 1954

Mr. Nichols' memorandum of August 10 recommended that we honor Pennington's request for the above-mentioned copies of public source pamphlets as it was felt that the usage of these pamphlets by the American Legion would do much to indicate to the general public the good work of the FBI. This matter was approved by Mr. Nichols and, accordingly, the requested number of the above-indicated pamphlets were reprinted and delivered to Pennington prior to the time the American Legion Convention convened on August 30, 1954.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

ADDENDUM: CDD:rcw 9-8-54. The majority of the above-mentioned pamphlets were distributed on September 2, 1954, the last day of the convention. The remaining few items of literature have been shipped to Indianapolis, Indiana, to American Legion headquarters so that they may be distributed at the next meeting of the Americanism Commission within 45 days ;from now, Mr. Pennington today, while discussing other matters, advised DeLoach that the above-mentioned pamphlets were very well received on the convention floor and that he had heard many favorable comments regarding this literature. He indicated that the American Legion was deeply appreciative to the FBI for the assistance rendered in this matter. He stated that only a few of the pamphlets were left and that these would be handled as indicated above. Copies of the pamphlets are attached for informational purposes.

✓ JRS

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Vice 17*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: BOYS' NATION  
SPECIAL TOUR, July 28, 1954

DATE: July 28, 1954

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Tamm ☒

Tracy ☒

Mohr ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

*etc*

I deeply regret the mix up that occurred this morning with reference to the above tour, particularly after all the pains that had been taken to see that everything went off without a hitch. At the last minute, Lee Pennington brought in a photographer and stated he wanted to make a presentation. This, of course, was all right. Then when the boys were going through the Director's office, Pennington told them not to leave as he wanted a group picture. This caused confusion. Pennington should not have done this in the absence of making special arrangements; however, Special Agent Peet, who was in charge, certainly did not make the split-second decision which he should have made right then and there and told Pennington it could not be done and gotten the boys moving out. I have gone over this with Agent George Peet and I can assure you there will not be a recurrence.

cc: Mr. Jones  
Mr. Kemper  
Mr. Morgan

LBN:MP

*I don't blame Pennington at all. It was miserably set up & handled in my own office.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PX

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*

FROM : M. A. Jones *[initials]*

SUBJECT: BOYS' NATION  
SPECIAL TOUR  
JULY 28, 1954, 9:00 A.M.

DATE: July 28, 1954

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Gearty \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to your request, set forth below are the details concerning the handling of captioned tour in the Director's Office this morning.

ORIGINAL PLANS FOR TOUR:

Initial arrangements for this tour were made by former Inspector Lee Pennington, who telephonically contacted your office on June 30, 1954, and arranged to bring the boys to the Bureau at 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 1954. The boys were to arrive at 8:45 a.m. at the Ninth and Pennsylvania entrance to the Bureau and plans were set up to have tour leaders meet them at this point, take them through the courtyard, up the center elevator bank and assemble the group in the two large exhibit rooms on the fifth floor. Liaison was set up between the group and the Director's Telephone Room so that as soon as we knew the Director would see the boys they could go from the exhibit rooms into the Reception Room and on into the Director's Office.

Prior to 8:45 a.m. today Mr. Pennington had made no mention of the presentation of a Boys' Nation shirt and pin to the Director nor had he indicated any photographers would accompany the group. Arrangements had been made for a Bureau photographer to stand by.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

At 8:45 a.m. Mr. Pennington contacted SA Peet, who was handling the group, outside the Director's Reception Room and Pennington advised that the boys had arrived at the Ninth and Pennsylvania entrance. He also indicated a photographer, who was walking down the corridor behind Pennington, had recommended them. SA Peet immediately contacted the photographer and inquired what pictures he desired. The photographer, A. E. Scott, of the Reni Studios locally, indicated he would like a photograph of the Director talking to the boys. He was advised that if the Director saw the boys he would only have time to shake hands with them and that there would be little opportunity for a picture. Mr. Kenner was then immediately advised of the presence of a photographer in the Bureau.

cc - Mr. Holloman  
cc - Mr. Nichols  
cc - Mr. Jones

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

July 28, 1954

SA Peet immediately thereafter (8:50 a.m.) contacted Mr. Pennington and explained the proposed set-up to Pennington. SA Peet had seen the morning paper that Boys' Nation had presented a shirt and pin to President Eisenhower. Accordingly, Mr. Pennington was specifically asked if there was anything concerning which the Bureau had not been advised and whether Boys' Nation had anything to present to the Director. Pennington indicated they did and showed SA Peet the pin and the shirt the President of Boys' Nation wished to present to the Director. SA Peet told Pennington it would be best to have Pennington at the head of the line, that the President Edward Perry and the Vice-President Richard Shore should follow in that order and that immediately after meeting the Director Perry should present the shirt and pin to the Director so that the line could consolidate and the boys in the line could witness the presentation. Pennington then talked with Perry and Shore.

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The line was taken in according to plan. Perry did not present the pin to the Director at the time he met the Director and along with Shore walked beyond the Director. SA Peet then instructed Shore and Perry to stand firm in the Director's rear office next to SA Peet. In the meantime the boys were passing through the line and [redacted] had the rear door open so that the boys could pass on through and out into the hall. As the first one started out the door, Pennington came into the rear office, told the boys not to go on out, that they were going to have a group picture. Consequently, the number of boys in the rear office increased and in spite of efforts by SA Peet and [redacted] to lead them out the back door, they remained. SA Peet told Pennington there would be no group picture and that he should instruct the boys to go out the back door. He did and they went out.

OBSERVATIONS:

(1) It would appear that Pennington should have advised the Bureau in more detail concerning the presentation of the shirt and pin and also the fact that a photographer would be present with the group.

(2) The confusion and number of boys congregated in the Director's rear office was the result of Pennington's instructions for the boys not to go out and that they were going to have a group picture. But Peet could have acted more promptly in breaking this up. RECOMMENDATION: NO. 1 ON THIS.

For information.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 10,  
1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MILTON B. FREUDENHEIM  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
RE FORMER BUREAU AGENTS

*Lee R. Pennington*

94-8-121-531

Your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated January 27, 1955, reflects the request by Milton B. Freudenheim, Chicago Daily News, for the identity of former FBI Agents who have continued a career of public service after having started out in the FBI. Freudenheim inquired if we could give him approximately 20 names which would include members of Congress, Federal Judges and others in public life engaged in public service. Mr. Tolson agreed that we could make available to Freudenheim the names of some of our former Agents who are a credit to the Bureau, and he desired to know the identities of those whom you proposed to use. The Director agreed.

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By memorandum to you dated February 2, 1955, a list of 20 individuals, former Bureau Agents, were submitted and you were advised that in the event the former Agents listed were approved, the Crime Records Section would review the personnel files of these individuals and prepare suitable data for Freudenheim. You deleted one name from this list of 20 (Thomas J. Donegan). There is attached material compiled as a result of personnel file review on the remaining individuals which is believed suitable to be forwarded to Freudenheim. It is pointed out that there are 18 names in the attached as we have deleted one name from the approved list. This deletion is Honorable Leon Bone, Judge, Vista, California. Bone has been deleted because it is not felt that he belongs in the same category with the other individuals, all of whom are in high and responsible positions. While Bone had a good record in the Bureau, he served many years ago, entering the Bureau in 1911 and retiring in 1936. In 1944, he was appointed to his present position which is merely Justice of the Peace of Vista, California, a very small community just outside San Diego.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached be furnished to Freudenheim.

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Attachment

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LEE R. PENNINGTON  
DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Lee R. Pennington is presently serving as Director of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. He has been active in Legion affairs since shortly after World War I and has served in many posts of distinction in that organization.

Mr. Pennington was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on November 19, 1894, and is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He entered the services of the FBI as a Special Agent on May 6, 1929, and represented the Bureau capably in Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago and Los Angeles. He was assigned to Bureau Headquarters in Washington, D. C., in 1934 and served there until his retirement on November 30, 1953. At the time he retired, he held the rank of Inspector in the Bureau. Shortly after retirement he assumed his present position.

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ENCLOSURE

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 2, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

Lee R. Pennington

44-8-1-325  
Your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated January 27, 1955, reflects the request by Milton B. Freudenheim, Chicago Daily News, for the identity of former FBI Agents who have continued a career of public service after having started out in the FBI. He inquired if we could give him approximately twenty names which would include members of Congress, Federal judges and others in public life engaged in public service. Mr. Tolson agreed that we could make available to Freudenheim the names of some of our former Agents who are a credit to the Bureau, and he desired to know the identities of those whom you propose to use. The Director agreed.

Set forth below is a list of former Bureau Agents who may be considered in connection with Freudenheim's request. In the event the former Agents listed below are approved in this connection, it is anticipated that Crime Records Section will review the personnel files of those individuals and prepare suitable data for Freudenheim:

Honorable Leon Bone  
Judge  
Vista, California

Honorable Omar Burleson  
Congressman from Texas

Major General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director, Special Investigations  
Department of the Air Force

Honorable Frank G. Clement  
Governor of Tennessee

Mr. Thomas J. Donegan  
Newly appointed to the Department  
as Chairman, Intra-Departmental  
Internal Security

Honorable Edmond Edmondson  
Congressman from Oklahoma

Mr. Oakley Hunter  
Chief Counsel  
Federal Housing Administration

Honorable Robert E. Lee  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Scott McLeod  
Administrator, Bureau of Security  
and Consular Affairs, Department  
of State

Honorable Edwin L. Mechem  
Former Governor of New Mexico

Mr. Thomas E. Naughten  
Assistant Director  
Foreign Operations Administration

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

February 2, 1955

Mr. Jay C. Newman  
Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety, State of Utah

Honorable H. Allen Smith  
Member of Assembly  
California State Legislature

Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
Director, National Americanism  
Commission, The American Legion

Honorable E. A. Tamm  
Judge, United States District  
Court for the District of  
Columbia

Honorable Gordon A. Philips  
Judge, Municipal Court of  
Fieldsboro, Trenton, New Jersey

Honorable Norris B. Vincent  
Judge  
Owensboro, Kentucky

Honorable Thomas D. Quinn  
Associate Judge, Municipal Court  
of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Mr. Thomas B. White  
Chairman  
Texas Board of Pardons and  
Paroles

Mr. Edward Scheidt  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
State of North Carolina

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-mentioned names be considered in connection with Freudenheim's request. Suitable background data will be prepared concerning those former Agents who are approved.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "O.K." H.

Lee R. Pennington

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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**HEADLINES** ... **By Irving Leibowitz**

**THE SPOTLIGHT** — Lee R. Pennington, FBI agent who replaced ...  
Director of the American Legion's Americanism Commission, is under fire in Indiana. . . . Some Legionnaires are circulating copies of the Congressional hearing in which Congressman Francis E. Walter (R, Pa.) accused him of "posing" as an expert on something he knew nothing at all about — immigration.

*Re: American Legion Matters*

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*Adonaphi Tomiz (Cripps-Howard)*  
*Sports-Market Fund*  
*March 7, 1955*  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

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May 14, 1954

Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
12 Taylor Street  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Lee:

I received your very thoughtful note of May 10, 1954, extending congratulations on my Thirtieth Anniversary as Director of the FBI.

Your kindness in remembering me on this occasion is deeply appreciated. The accomplishments of the FBI during the past three decades, however, have not been those of one individual but have been attained through the loyalty of individuals such as you. Your continuing cooperation with the Bureau and your interest in our activities are certainly gratifying.

Sincerely,

SENT FROM D. C.	
TIME	
DATE	17 MAY 1954
BY	MA

*J. E. H.*

*M. J.*

NOTE: Mr. Pennington is a retired Bureau Inspector. Since he is frequently at his home in Chevy Chase it is deemed appropriate to send this letter to that address.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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RECEIVED - DIRECTOR  
MAY 14 1 58 PM '54  
RECEIVED - CHIEF OF JUSTICE  
MAY 14 1 58 PM '54



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

~~MEMORANDUM FOR~~

1608 K Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

May 10, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Having worked with you for almost twenty-five years, I would like to sincerely congratulate you upon the completion of your thirty years in the Bureau service.

I recall that when I entered the Bureau there was a total of approximately 350 Special Agents in service and that when I left, through your foresight and vision, the investigative personnel had been built up to approximately 6500 Special Agents. Furthermore, under your administration, the Bureau is one organization for which decent citizens have an abiding respect.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Lee R. Pennington  
Director

LRP:mc

*[Handwritten]*  
ack. 5-14-54  
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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 8/22/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LEE PENNINGTON  
DIRECTOR-AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Pennington called DeLoach, 8/22/55, and confidentially advised that Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, and Henry Dudley, the National Adjutant, had been in conference with him over the weekend and had suggested to him that he might desire to accept a position of lesser responsibility with the Legion. Pennington was of the opinion that the proposal had come about as a result of several controversial items he had suggested for publication in the Firing Line, the monthly publication of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington named several items he had originally scheduled for publication including the League of Women Voters, the American Civil Liberties Union, and several other organizations. These items were suppressed by Commander Collins and Adjutant Dudley on the basis that the Legion might be opening itself up to charges of libel. Pennington seemed extremely discouraged and indicated that he was considering resigning.

Hugh Overton, National Executive Committeeman of the Alabama State Department of the American Legion, confidentially advised us in May, 1955 that Pennington was slated to step down from his current position in view of the fact he had incurred the resentment of several executives of the Legion regarding a number of matters on which Pennington had recommended action without first checking with higher authority.

On the occasion of Pennington's above-mentioned call, he additionally mentioned that he had been instructed to move his office from Washington to Indianapolis.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
Director  
National Americanism Commission  
The American Legion  
Post Office Box 1055  
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Lee:

Inspector DeLoach showed me your letter of May 3, 1955, and I was very happy to learn of Mr. Robert R. Cherlin's interest in our latest reports.

We appreciate your referring this to us, and I am happy to enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Cherlin.

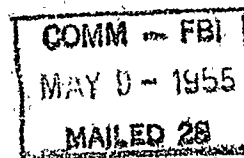
With personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. E. H.

Enclosure

Letter to Robert R. Cherlin.



NOTE: Mr. Pennington is a retired Bureau Inspector.  
He EOD on 5-6-29 as SA and retired effective 11-30-53.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

IN REPLY REFER  
TO DATE AND NO. 49122-49

Let to Charles  
5-6-55 (nmk)  
Perm

1. NAME Pennington R.  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

2. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT SOG, Investigative Division

NOTE: PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

IF IN BUREAU 15 YEARS FROM EOD LISTED UNDER ITEM 8 AND NO LEAVE WITHOUT PAY IN EXCESS OF 6 MONTHS IN ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR, AS LISTED UNDER ITEM 10, IT WILL ONLY BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO CERTIFY YOUR STATUS BY PLACING A CHECK MARK IN THE "15 YEARS OR OVER" BOX IN THE "TOTAL FEDERAL SERVICE" SPACE AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE, AND SIGNING THE FORM. DO NOT FILL IN OTHER INFORMATION IN SUCH CASES.

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FEDERAL SERVICE

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LESS THAN  
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(AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JANUARY 6, 1952)

DATE YOU WILL REACH NEXT CATEGORY:

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			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS	
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 (ADD ALL TIME LISTED UNDER ITEM 3, DIVIDE TOTAL DAYS BY 30, TOTAL MONTHS BY 12, — GIVE TOTAL IN EXACT YEARS, MONTHS AND DAYS SERVED)

5. MILITARY SERVICE (INDICATE BRANCH — ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD, AIR FORCE, ETC. IF NO MILITARY SER- VICE, WRITE "NONE" IN THIS SPACE)	DATE ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY DATE GIVEN ON SEPARATION DOCUMENT	DATE DISCHARGED DATE GIVEN ON SEPARATION DOCUMENT	TOTAL SERVICE WITH MILITARY (EACH BRANCH)		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS

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 (ADD ALL TIME LISTED UNDER ITEM 5, DIVIDE TOTAL DAYS BY 30, TOTAL MONTHS BY 12 — GIVE TOTAL IN EXACT YEARS, MONTHS AND DAYS SERVED)

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10. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY (EXCLUDING MILITARY) IN EXCESS OF SIX MONTHS TAKEN DURING  
 ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR. (LIST TOTAL IN YEARS, MONTHS, AND DAYS)

11. FEDERAL SERVICE TIME-NET TOTAL  
 (SUBTRACT ITEM 10 FROM ITEM 9. THIS WILL GIVE YOU YOUR ACTUAL SERVICE TIME.)

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY  
 KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(SIGNED)

(DATE)

(WRITTEN SIGNATURE)



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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 7, 1955

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: BUREAU PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF FORMER  
BUREAU AGENTS AND NON-BUREAU PERSONNEL

For your information, Bureau property has been issued in the past to the following non-Bureau personnel:

Alexander Holtzoff      Current Bureau Badge 28,  
issued 2-12-36, badge is  
in his possession.

Robert M. Gates      Old Bureau Badge 1065, in-  
(Deceased)      scribed DIVISION OF  
INVESTIGATION, issued 5-31-33,  
and an Official Police  
Revolver 624765, issued 1-29-46

There is also set out below a list of the numbers of the current-type Bureau Badges in possession of former Agents or the families of former Agents and Officials, which has been approved by the Bureau.

Badges which are unmounted are in possession of:

2	Harold Nathan	1-3-46
17	J. S. Egan	12-31-52

Badges which were mounted and presented to the Agents upon their retirement or to the families of the Agents upon their deaths:

7	H. H. Clegg	1-29-54	Presented to Agent
11	S. J. Tracy	5-14-54	Presented to Agent
13	W. R. Glavin	5-28-54	Presented to Agent
34	<u>L. R. Pennington</u>	11-13-53	Presented to Agent
110	D. M. Ladd	2-26-54	Presented to Agent
305	E. J. Connelley	7-2-54	Presented to Agent
336	W. L. Buchanan	8-8-47	Agent deceased, presented to wife

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363	W. B. Mahoney	11-19-51	Agent deceased, presented to son
504	J. E. Amos	10-15-53	Presented to Agent
511	F. X. O'Donnell	1-13-54	Presented to Agent
519	C. F. Lanman	7-6-50	Agent deceased, presented to son
804	W. J. West	5-10-54	Agent deceased, presented to wife

The above is being submitted for your information.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME AND INITIAL IDENTIFICATION No. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT EOD DATE AGENCY CALENDAR YEAR

Standard Form No. 1137  
General Regulations No. 102

# LEAVE RECORD

GPO 16-48999-1

Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S.  
June 28, 1946

MONTH	PAY PER. No.	ANNUAL		SICK		MONTH	PAY PER. No.	ANNUAL		SICK		ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY W-AWL-SUSPENDED				COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD				
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JANUARY	28	5	5	4		JULY	16	4	32	116		28								
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	4			20																
FEBRUARY	5	1	9	28		AUGUST	18			132		38								
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APRIL	9	11	21	60		8	23			155		44								
	10			68			24			180										
	11			76						194										
MAY	12	3	24	84		8	25			188	2	46								
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												YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS)								
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												BAL. FORWARDED				720		720		
												YR. ACCRUAL				208		56		
												TOTAL				928		776		
												TOTAL TAKEN				89		56		
												BALANCE				839		720		

LAST NAME FIRST NAME AND INITIAL IDENTIFICATION No. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT EOD DATE AGENCY CALENDAR YEAR  
SA Pennington, L. R. 5-6-29 1951



LAST NAME FIRST NAME AND INITIAL IDENTIFICATION No. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT EOD DATE AGENCY CALENDAR YEAR

Standard Form No. 1137  
General Regulations No. 102

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FEBRUARY	5			28			0	AUGUST	18			13											
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MARCH	7			44			0	SEPTEMBER	20			14											
	8	2	50	52					21			15											
APRIL	9	1	51	60			2	OCTOBER	22	8	76	16	1	15	15	REMARKS							
	10			68					23	6	137	17											
	11			76	2	2			24			18											
MAY	12			84	2	4	4	NOVEMBER	25			18			15	YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS)	ITEM	ANN.	SICK				
	13			92					26			19					BAL. FORWARDED	720	720				
																	YR. ACCRUAL	208	15				
JUNE	14			100	2	6	6	DECEMBER	1			20			15	TOTAL	928	736					
	15			108					24	16	153	20				TOTAL TAKEN	153	15					
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SA Pennington, L. R. 5-6-29 1950

EMPLOYEE (A) Pennington, Lee R. EOD 5-6-29 DIV.

ACC. ANN. 90-0 ✓ ACC. SICK 90-0 ✓ ADV. SICK

ACCRUED ANN. 103-5 ✓ 100-4 90-0

ACCRUED SICK

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Current Acc. 14-4 103-1

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Balance 113-13

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SICK ✓

As of 1-1-47 90-0

Current Acc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Balance 1-1-48 90-0 ✓

ACC. ANN. 90-0 ✓ ACC. SICK 90-0 ✓ ADV. SICK

ACCRUED ANN. 99-0 ✓ 90-0 ✓

ACCRUED SICK

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ANNUAL ✓

As of 1-1-46 90-0 ✓

Current Acc. 7-6

Total 97-6

Leave lost \_\_\_\_\_

Balance \_\_\_\_\_

Total taken 7-6

Balance 1-1-47 90-0

(amt. lost) 18-2

SICK ✓

As of 1-1-46 90-0 ✓

Current Acc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Acc.	9-5		
Total	99-5		
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Total taken	9-5		
Balance 1-1-46	90-0		
(amt. lost)	16-3		
SICK			
As of 1-1-45	90-0		
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(amt. lost)			
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As of 1-1-48			
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Balance			
Total taken			
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INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR OF 1942

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		TAKEN		Hrs. ACCR.	TAKEN			Hrs. ACCR.	TAKEN		Hrs. ACCR.	W-AWL-SUSPENDED		PAY PERIOD	HOURS WORKED	HOURS TAKEN	BAL.				
		HRS.	TOTAL		HRS.			TOTAL		HRS.	TOTAL		DATE	TYPE	HRS.	TOTAL					
JANUARY	1			8		JULY	15			116		3									
	2			16			16	2	16	124											
	3			24																	
FEBRUARY	4			32		AUGUST	17	16	32	132	16	19	13								
	5			40			18			140											
MARCH	6			48		SEPTEMBER	19	8	40	148		19									
	7	2	2	56			20	24	4	156											
APRIL	8	8	10	64		OCTOBER	21	56	120	164		19									
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							23			180											
MAY	10			80		NOVEMBER	24			188		19									
	11			88	3		3	25			196										
	12			92																	
JUNE	13			100		DECEMBER	26	9	129	204		19									
	14			108			20	8	137	208											
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JANUARY	25			4		JULY	16			116										
	3			12			17			124										
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FEBRUARY	5			28		AUGUST	18	24	44	132										
	6			36			19	32	76	140										
MARCH	7			44		SEPTEMBER	20			148										
	8			52			21	2	78	156										
APRIL	9	16	16	60		OCTOBER	22			164										
	10			68			23			172	1	1								
							24			180										
MAY	11			76		NOVEMBER	25			188										
	12			84			26			196										
	13	4	20	92																
JUNE	14			100		DECEMBER	1	16	94	204										
	15			108			2	16	110	208										
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																ITEM	ANN.	SICK		
																BAL. FORWARDED	720	720		
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																TOTAL	928	721		
																TOTAL TAKEN	110	1		
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JANUARY	2	32	32	8			4	JULY	16			120			60								
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FEBRUARY	5	3	43	32			16	AUGUST	18	40	103	36			68								
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MARCH	7			48			24	SEPTEMBER	21	1	144	160			80								
	8			52			28		22			168			84								
	9			64			32																
APRIL	10	3	46	72			36	OCTOBER	23	3	147	176			88								
	11			80			40		24	8	155	184			92								
MAY	12			88			44	NOVEMBER	25	42	197	192			96								
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JUNE	14			104			52	DECEMBER															
	15			112			56																

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Pennington, L. R., SA 5-6-29 1953

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JANUARY	26			4	32	2	JULY	16		116	2	17	58							
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FEBRUARY	5	1	1	28		14	AUGUST	18		132		66								
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MARCH	7			44	80	114	22	SEPTEMBER	21	80	81	156		78						
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	9			60		30														
APRIL	10			68	2	172	24	OCTOBER	23	3	94	172	2	179	86	REMARKS				
	11			76	2	174	38		24	2	96	180	*	90						
MAY	12			84		42	NOVEMBER	25	44	140	188		94		YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS)					
	13			92		46		26		196		98								
JUNE	14			100	1	175	50	DECEMBER	1	2	142	204		102		TOTAL	924	822		
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LAST NAME FIRST NAME AND INITIAL IDENTIFICATION NO. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT EOD DATE AGENCY CALENDAR YEAR  
Pennington, L. R., SA 5-6-29 1952

September 12, 1955

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Sizoo  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

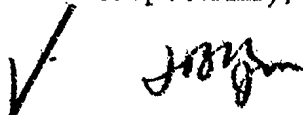
Mr. Tolson:

Stanley Tracy told Mr. McGuire shortly after 5:00 p. m. that former Inspector Lee Pennington is stepping down from his position with the Americanism Commission of The American Legion and is going to remain here in Washington. Instead of being transferred to Indianapolis, the deal has been worked out whereby Pennington's assistant, whose name Tracy did not recall but who has been sick for some time and who has just recently come back to work, will go to Indianapolis to take charge. Pennington will step down and become the assistant in the Americanism Commission but will retain full control and supervision over all subversive activity matters.

Tracy stated this was off-the-record and to be kept strictly confidential; that there would probably be some publicity in a week or ten days but in the interim nothing was to be said.

Tracy also advised he would let me know the first thing in the morning who the person is who will be Pennington's boss.

Respectfully,



L. B. Nichols

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Mr. Nichols  
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# Rubin Plans To Battle Legion Stand

Ellis Rubin said Monday he would fight back "at both the local and the national" level against the American Legion's thumbs-down on his methods of fighting communism.

The youthful Miami attorney, currently on two-weeks active training duty with a naval reserve squadron at the Marine Air Station, said he believed the position of Legion national headquarters "has been misinterpreted."

Arch Thomas, state Legion commander, touched off the most recent go-around Sunday when he released extracts from a letter from Lee R. Pennington, national head of the Legion's committee on Americanism. The letter backed the state commander in his "no fanfare" method of fighting communism, and his refusal to go along with Rubin's tactics.

"I am meeting with some friends and we will map plans for taking this matter up locally through the Harvey Seeds Post of the Legion, and through national headquarters," Rubin said.

"I have been trying for a long time to arrange a personal meeting with Mr. Thomas so we could resolve our differences, but he refuses to meet me."

Rubin authored a highly controversial Communist-hunting bill which was turned down by the 1955 legislature.

He later made speeches against the legislators who killed the bill in committee, then called on National Legion headquarters to "investigate" the Florida Legion for its failure to back him.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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# Americanism 'Get-Tough' Drive Chief to Head Mapped by Legion New Drive

Local Man Gets  
High Post as  
Command. Changes

The American Legion today moved to step up the tempo of its antisubversives drive—following recent criticism by Legionnaires that its policy was "too soft."

Lee R. Pennington, national Americanism director, was relieved of his duties and assigned to fulltime work as head of the countersubversive activities office for the Legion.

NATIONAL Legion Adjutant Henry T. Dudley said that Mr. Pennington's move is not a "demotion," despite the fact that the countersubversive office was only one of his former responsibilities.

Mr. Pennington is being relieved at his own request," Mr. Dudley said.

The adjutant added that Mr. Pennington now will devote his entire time to Mr. Pennington countersubversive work, which will strengthen that program.

Another top Legion official said that the move is a matter of "telling Pennington to get to work."

The National Commander is taking recognition of the "lack of militancy" and the "increasing criticism of the laxness" of

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the anticommunism drive of the Legion, this source said.

FROM WASHINGTON, Mr. Pennington told The Indianapolis Times he "desired the change" because "I'd like to stay around home awhile."

Asked what his new approach to the antisubversives program would be, Mr. Pennington replied that "the whole thing will be discussed by the Americanism Commission prior to the Legion convention."

"I'm not a witch hunter," he said. "I'll do what I honestly think is right, and I won't needlessly crucify anybody for a mistake if they were not actually affiliated with a subversive organization."

"Call that soft-pedaling if you want," he added. "But there are two sides to every picture."

Mr. Pennington also said that he had resigned as chairman of the National American Commission at his "own request" to give more time to the countersubversive work.

He is being replaced by C. A. (Bud) Tesch, Indianapolis.

MR. TESCH is a past state adjutant of West Virginia for the Legion and has been assistant director of the Americanism Commission since 1952. Mr. Pennington had been director since November, 1953, when he replaced Karl Baarslag, who was fired.

Mr. Pennington, a specialist in antisubversive work, had 25 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation before taking the Legion position.

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# State Chief Bares Notes To Lawyer

## Thomas' Methods On Reds Approved

The American Legion's national headquarters has released Miami attorney Ellis Rubin's demand for investigation of the Florida Legion's anti-Communist program.

In addition, the Legion's national Americanism commission chairman, Lee R. Pennington, has informed Rubin that the Legion approves of state commander Arch Thomas' "no fanfare" method of fighting Reds.

Both points were made public Sunday in a batch of letters released by Thomas, a Starke attorney, who said they "might clear the air of charges and counter-charges flying around."

Thomas and Rubin, a former assistant state attorney general and past state chairman of the Legion's Un-American Activities commission, have been waging a running battle since Thomas became state commander in May.

Rubin, whose controversial Communist-hunting bill was spurned by the 1955 state legislature, was hit by Thomas for "McCarthy-like Communist hunts."

Thomas said the Legion would follow a policy of ferreting out subversives by "working quietly with the FBI and without any fanfare."

Rubin counter-charged that Thomas' views contradicted the thinking of two American generals and a United States senator.

In the letter released Sunday, Rubin was told by Pennington that the Legion would not investigate the Florida department.

On anti-subversive campaigns, Pennington wrote Rubin:

"For your information, the American Legion and the FBI began quietly working together back in 1939, and material that was deemed important to our internal security was quietly referred to the FBI without any fanfare or publicity whatsoever."

Thomas also released a letter which he wrote to Rubin in mid-August, which Rubin called "the nastiest letter I ever received."

The state commander said Sunday he refused to release the letter then because "it would be better to refrain from tangling with Mr. Rubin."

The letter declined an invitation to discuss the Legion's Americanism and subversive activities program with Rubin, adding:

"I am diametrically opposed to your method of operation."

"It may surprise you to know," Thomas' letter to Rubin continued, "that many of us question your sincerity in your Communist hunting. We wonder if perhaps you are not more interested in the promotion of your own name and personal fortune than in rooting out these Florida Communists."

"Their names are never revealed, nor is proof produced. The greater majority of Legionnaires in Florida feel that you have done the American Legion harm, and prefers you seek sponsorship from some other organization."

"None of us like to see our great organization used by one of our number or anyone to promote personal interests, or to put forward the type of program to which we are violently opposed."

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## Subversives Foe Named

X Lee R. Pennington, former Federal Bureau of Investigation inspector, has resigned his post as head of the American Legion's Americanism Commission to take over as full-time director of the commission's counter-subversive activities office here.

Seaborn P. Collins, Legion commander, announced at the same time that C. A. Tesch, assistant in charge of the commission's Indianapolis office, has been appointed acting director of the commission.

The announcement said Mr. Pennington, 61, requested the change to emphasize the counter-subversive work. He served with the FBI for 25 years before becoming commission director in 1953.

The veteran investigator is a graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a degree in accounting from Southeastern University. For many years before he left the FBI he was liaison man with the Legion's Americanism Commission.

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*Mr. Cavanaugh*  
*- Clayton*

*H. E. ...*

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*7/10/55*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.--NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
 LEGION TODAY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF LEE R. PENNINGTON AS NATIONAL  
 AMERICANISM DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.  
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WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per 2/17/56*

DATE: February 16, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *per 2/17/56*SUBJECT: 

## INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The captioned individual is a former New York security informant. The New York Office secured information through a technical installation that  was furnishing information to the publication "Counterattack" at the same time he supposedly worked for us as an informant.  contacted our New York Office in September, 1943, and volunteered his services. He was designated as an informant, 1-24-44, and was discontinued on 10-2-47, after the above facts were ascertained. He was paid at the rate of  per month while serving as an informant. Before becoming an informant,

New York letter of 5-17-44 indicated that  had rejoined the Communist Party (CP). New York letter of 10-13-51 reflected that  during an interview with the U. S. Attorney, had advised, "that the FBI had never told him to go to any Party meeting or to do anything."

Former Special Agent  now a New York Attorney, handled  as an informant. There is nothing in Central or New York files which reflects the FBI caused  to enter the Communist Party.

is now suing Lee Pennington and Wayne Murphy, of the American Legion. Murphy occupies the same position with the Americanism Commission as does Pennington.  was formerly employed by the Americanism Commission in Indianapolis. He was dismissed by Pennington due to lack of efficiency, usage of profanity in the office and disloyalty towards the American Legion.  is suing Pennington for \$500,000 and Murphy for \$200,000. The suit charges that Pennington wrote two letters concerning  which tended to "degrade, disgrace and injure the character of the plaintiff," and that Murphy, during an American Legion convention, stated that  "was a Communist and had engaged in Communistic work." An Indianapolis newspaper quotes  as stating  said he was a Communist for the FBI for ten years but he was never an ideological Communist." Lee has advised that  also has told his attorneys that he served as an informant for the FBI

cc - Mr. Belmont *hn*CDD:fc:jec  
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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE: [REDACTED]  
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for ten years and that the FBI placed him in the CP. Both claims are, of course, false.

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Inasmuch as Pennington is one of the defendants in the above-mentioned suit, it would not be deemed logical for him to request the facts of [REDACTED] informant status from the FBI for usage in any possible libel suit. It would be perfectly logical, however, for the National Commander of the American Legion to request such information. Ad Wagner, the National Commander, has informally mentioned to DeLoach that he would like to send us a letter of request concerning this matter providing we have no objections at honoring such a request.

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ACTION:

It is suggested that DeLoach tell Wagner that the Director will be glad to furnish him the dates which reflect [REDACTED] informant status with the FBI and the fact that [REDACTED] did not enter the CP at the instigation of the FBI. We furnish such information as a matter of course to any interested parties in any controversy involving informants.

*I think this is OK*  
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*Wagner*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson *W. J. [unclear]*DATE: 1/11/56 *[initials]*

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

SUBJECT:

C. A. "BUDE" TESCH *F/a W. Va. DC*  
DIRECTOR OF AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION *10701*

Tolson	
Boardman	
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The United Press ticker of 1/11/56, carried a story that captioned individual has been appointed to Lee Pennington's old position as Director of the Americanism Commission, the American Legion. The Director inquired "What do we know of Tesch?"

Files contain no derogatory information. Tesch is approximately 57 years of age. He has been most cooperative and in fact has leaned quite heavily upon us for guidance. At the close of the Miami Convention in 1954, he called by DeLoach's hotel to personally express appreciation for FBI cooperation. Tesch's eligibility for the Legion came about as a result of World War I experience. Before joining the Legion's Headquarters Staff he was a schoolteacher and Superintendent of Schools in West Virginia. He is a former State Adjutant of the Legion in that state. His experience in the Legion has <sup>been</sup> mostly in youth project programs. He has very little experience in the Legion's Americanism work.

Lee Pennington was requested to resign the position of Director of the Americanism Commission because he refused to move to Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, from Washington, D. C. He additionally experienced considerable difficulties with Henry Dudley, the National Adjutant. At Lee's resignation in 1955, Tesch was appointed Acting Director. He was not given the title of Director at that time due to suffering a severe heart attack in Washington, D. C. in October of 1954. Seaborn Collins, the National Commander at the time, and Dudley, the National Adjutant, desired to hold back the appointment until the condition of Tesch's health was determined.

## ACTION:

It is anticipated that relations with Tesch will continue to be most cordial.

cc - Mr. Jones

CDD:fc

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Boardman ✓  
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 Mr. Mason ✓  
 Mr. Mohr ✓  
 Mr. Parsons ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Mr. Winterrowd ✓  
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 Mr. Holloman ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

(LEGION)

INDIANAPOLIS--C. A. TESCH, SALEM, W.VA., IS NEW AMERICANISM DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, NATIONAL COMMANDER J. ADDINGTON WAGNER ANNOUNCED.

TESCH HAS SERVED AS ACTING DIRECTOR SINCE LEE PENNINGTON RESIGNED LAST MAY TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE PROGRAMS OF THE LEGION. UNTIL THEN, TESCH WAS ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR SINCE 1952.

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*What do we know of  
 Tesch?*

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WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

December 30, 1955

*H. J. Edwards*

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
12 Taylor Street  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Lee:

I have just learned that the Holiday Season has been saddened for you by the death of your brother.

While I realize that words are of little value at a time like this, I do want you to know that your many friends in the FBI extend their heartfelt sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - personnel file former Inspector Lee R. Pennington

NOTE: Former Inspector Pennington called SA Hanning of Crime Records Section on another matter 12-29-55, and advised he was just leaving his office to attend the funeral of his brother. He stated his brother suffered a cerebral hemorrhage the day before Thanksgiving, has been incapacitated since that time and died a few days ago. Address and salutation per Special Correspondents' List.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE:

March 2, 1956

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

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Captioned individual is suing Lee Pennington for \$500,000 and Wayne Murphy (American Legion - Americanism Commission) for \$200,000, on basis of degrading, disgracing and injuring character of plaintiff. My memorandum 2-16-56 reflected informal approach to us by National Commander J. Addington Wagner concerning his desire to send us a letter requesting information on a formal basis regarding [REDACTED] informant status with the FBI. The Director approved our answering such a letter. (cc of reference memorandum attached.)

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[REDACTED] served as an informant between 1-17-44 and 10-1-47. He was discontinued because we ascertained he was also furnishing information to the magazine "Counterattack." Recent information dug up by the Legion reflected

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Commander Wagner's letter was received 2-29-56, and is attached to this memorandum. A suggested factual reply is attached. Our phraseology is couched in terms of "records reflect..." instead of utilizing a first person indicative. This is done in order to avoid any one FBI representative being singled out for testimony, if such actually becomes necessary.

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As a point of information, Lee Pennington advised 2-2-56 that a deputy U. S. Marshal has made half-hearted attempts to serve subpoenas on both Pennington and Wayne Murphy. The Deputy Marshal has not been successful. The Indiana Statute of Limitations runs out on this matter on 3-8-56. Lee advises that [REDACTED] is "bluffing" and is only hopeful that the Legion will offer an out of court settlement. [REDACTED] or an Attorney from his firm, will represent the Legion in the matter.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letter be forwarded. *EX-103* *100-355652-3*

Attachment  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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May 21, 1956

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

(to Lloyd Wright)

During an off-the-record conversation with Mr. Leo R. Pennington of the Americanization Office, American Legion, he advised me that he was told in no uncertain terms, very recently, "to keep his mouth shut." Pennington advised that pressure has been brought to bear on several top Legion officials by J. Monroe Johnson (Steamboat Johnson) of South Carolina. Johnson recently retired from the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it has been reported to Mr. Pennington that Johnson is trying to make a "pure lily" out of Harry Cain. Pennington has been outspoken among Legion officials with reference to Cain, and it was for this reason he was instructed to keep his mouth shut. As a matter of fact, Pennington says he is not going to keep his mouth shut. (Johnson was one of the Interstate Commerce Commissioners).

It will be recalled that Johnson was a personal friend of Truman, and his interest in the Cain situation, according to Mr. Pennington, is because of the acquaintanceship with Truman.

I thought the Chairman would be interested in the foregoing.

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Stanley T. ...

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 7, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: James D. Zellerbach

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As a matter of information, Art Kranish of International News Service advised that, while at the grocery store several nights ago out in Maryland, he overheard two men talking about James Zellerbach, the new Ambassador to Rome. One person was telling the other that Zellerbach was tied up with the United World Federalists, the Fund for the Republic, and the Committee for an Effective Congress and that this information was being passed on to Jim Juliana up on the Hill to stir up some interest there against Zellerbach.

Kranish stated he, of course, perked up his ears and passed this information on to the INS representative on the Hill.

Kranish today confidentially advised Mr. McGuire that INS had run the thing down and had identified the gossip in the grocery store as Lee Pennington.

INS made a contact with Zellerbach who stated he was not making any formal statement on the matter, that he had been on the board of directors of one of the organizations and had given a contribution to another one, but that he did not want to engage in any discussion of the subject matter. INS is going to do a piece for this Sunday - probably for distribution on the West Coast where Zellerbach comes from.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

January 16, 1957

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Nease  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

PERSONAL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is a brief note to thank you so much for your  
greeting which you personally inscribed in my copy of  
The FBI Story by Don Whitehead.

It certainly has been a wonderful privilege for me  
to work for Mr. Lee R. Pennington, who has been one of  
your key Bureau officials for many years. Without  
question, Mr. Pennington's long professional experience  
with the Federal Bureau of Investigation is constantly  
reflected in our daily operation here, as he directs  
the Counter Subversion Section of the National Americanism  
Commission.

I am very appreciative of your interest and  
thoughtfulness.

Cordially yours,

*Don Sweeney*

DONALD I. SWEANY, Jr.  
Research Specialist  
National Americanism Commission

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January 23, 1957

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Mr. Donald I. Sweany, Jr.  
617 Murdock Road  
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Mr. Sweany:

*Lee R. Pennington*

It was very kind of you to write on January 16, 1957, regarding the copy of "The FBI Story" which I was happy to autograph to you, and I hope that you will find it most interesting.

I am glad that you have enjoyed your work with former FBI Inspector Lee R. Pennington. All of us in the FBI have been proud of our association with him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Lee R. Pennington, former Bureau Inspector, EOD 5-6-29, retired voluntarily on 11-30-53. A book was sent Sweany autographed "Best Wishes." Sweany is present assistant to Pennington and resides in Baltimore.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 6, 1957

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Ninth & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The sessions of Boys' Nation this year will be held from July 19th through July 26th and we would very much appreciate it if the boys could visit the Bureau at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of July 24th.

We would also appreciate having Inspector DeLoach brief the boys on the subject of cooperation between the Bureau and The American Legion.

In the event you are in the city and can in some manner wedge it in with your very busy schedule, we would certainly appreciate you saying a few words to the boys.

Sincerely yours,

*Lee R. Pennington*  
LEE R. PENNINGTON,  
Assistant Director

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✓  
Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
Assistant Director  
National Americanism Commission  
The American Legion  
1608 K Street, Northwest  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Your letter of June 6, 1957, has been received, and it is a pleasure to advise that arrangements have been made for the delegates to this year's Boys' Nation to visit our headquarters at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 24.

While I would like very much to meet with you, the uncertainty of my schedule precludes my indicating an acceptance to your request; however, Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach has informed me that he will be happy to talk with the boys on this occasion. In the event there are changes in your plans, please feel free to contact him directly.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

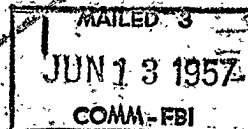
cc - Inspector DeLoach, with copy of incoming  
cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Pennington is a former Bureau Inspector. He EOD 5-6-29 as SA and retired 11-30-53. Tour Room has indicated this group can be handled on the date and at the time indicated. In the past, this group consisted of approximately 100 boys.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 1-31-57

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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Please be advised that the Congressional Record for Wednesday, January 30, 1957, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been marked for your attention:

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## SENATE

Pages 1111-  
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The Senate received a letter from the Director, FBI, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on positions filled under the Classification Act of 1949, in grades GS-16, 17, and 18. The report and letter were referred to the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. An identical report was sent to the House. This matter was brought to your attention by memorandum written earlier today.

Pages 1115-  
1116

Senator Knowland, (R) California, submitted at the request of Senator Langer, (R) North Dakota, a letter in the form of a complaint from the American Legion concerning the nomination of James David Zellerbach to be Ambassador to Italy. This letter was contained in a portion of the hearings before the Committee on Foreign Relations on the above nomination. It was pointed out in the hearings that the letter was from the American Legion, on the letterhead stating "The American Legion, National Americanism Commission, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, D.C.," the Office of the National Director. The letter was signed by Lee R. Pennington. Mr. Pennington is a former Bureau Agent.

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Senator Bridges, (R) New Hampshire, spoke favorably concerning the book "The FBI Story" written by Don Whitehead. This item was set forth in a memorandum prepared earlier this date.

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The Senate adopted S. Res. 49, authorizing an investigation of matters pertaining to constitutional rights. In the discussion on this Resolution

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c-Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. E. A. Tamm

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SENATE - Continued

Senator Hennings, (D) Missouri, stated "This morning the committee (Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights) met and drew up a bill providing that the section on civil rights in the Department of Justice be changed to the division on civil rights. Such a division does not now exist in the Department of Justice. There is no such division in the Department of Justice. The committee has tried many times to enlist the cooperation and indeed the attendance of the distinguished Attorney General of the United States before the committee. We have had a great deal of trouble in getting that gentleman to come to the Hill to tell us things and to be of assistance to us, although he has on several occasions sent others."

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The Senate confirmed the following executive nomination: James David Zellerback, of California, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Adjournment: Until Friday, February 1, 1957, at 12 noon.

HOUSE

The proceedings of the House were reviewed and there is nothing contained therein believed to be of particular interest to the Bureau.

Adjournment: Until Thursday, January 31, 1957, at 12 noon.

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APPENDIX

The articles in the Appendix have been reviewed and there is nothing contained therein believed to be of particular interest to the Bureau.

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Lee R. R. [redacted]

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On October 11, 1957, [redacted]

[redacted] Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] in response to her telephonic request that she be contacted by an agent.

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[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that in March or April, 1957, an organization known as the Conservative Club was formed in Bethesda for the purpose of interesting people in politics generally in Montgomery County, Maryland. [redacted] continued that in late March or April, 1957, a meeting of this organization was held at the home of [redacted] Bethesda, Maryland. A Mr. FRANK MC NAMARA, an American Legion official, was asked to attend this meeting for the purpose of reviewing with the club a speech which he had been asked to give by the club at a future date for the public. [redacted] advised that during the course of the discussion, MC NAMARA made the statement that he was a Communist. He said that he had a mail box under an assumed name where he received his literature and that he sometimes sends someone else to pick up his mail. He also made the statement, according to [redacted] that he has spent a considerable amount of money supporting Communist causes. [redacted] stated that in her opinion, MC NAMARA made these statements in a serious mood and was not joking at all.

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[redacted] furnished the names of other individuals who were at this meeting and were present when MC NAMARA made his statement regarding Communism.

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During the course of the interview, [redacted] further advised at approximately two to three weeks prior to the interview

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with Agent [ ] she was in the office of the National Republic, Washington, D. C. While there, she was introduced to a man named LEE PENNINGTON (phonetic), who remarked that he had been to the American Legion Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey and was just going out to pick up his Daily Workers. [ ] stated that she asked PENNINGTON if he were a Communist, to which he allegedly answered that he was. [ ] further stated that PENNINGTON remarked to her that he knew the Director, J. EDGAR HOOVER, well and that Mr. HOOVER was his "boss." PENNINGTON, according to [ ] further advised that he was going to write a textbook on Communism and that he often lectures on that subject. [ ] further stated that while talking to PENNINGTON, a [ ] (phonetic) also entered the discussion. According to [ ] stated that he was a Congregational minister who had been kicked out of his church and was now working for the Constitutional Party located on Vermont Avenue in Washington, D. C. During this conversation, according to [ ] also stated that he, too, was a Communist.

[ ] advised Special Agent [ ] that on this occasion, as on the other occasion, she did not get the impression that these people were making these statements in a jovial manner and that she could not understand why they would admit to her that they were members of the Communist Party.

On 10/14/57, [ ] telephonically advised that she had ascertained that FRANK MC NAMARA, previously mentioned, is actually FRANCIS J. MC NAMARA, who resides in Bethesda, Maryland and is an official of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Washington, D. C.

From the above, it appears probable that McNAMARA is a subscriber to the Daily Worker in view of his position with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and it likewise appears most probable that PENNINGTON is Mr. LEE R. PENNINGTON, former Special Agent, who is now connected with the Americanism Committee of the American Legion in Washington, D. C.

In view of the positions held by MC NAMARA and PENNINGTON, it is believed that further inquiry into this matter is not warranted and that interview with the other people present when

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the above statements were allegedly made might result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Therefore, no further action is being taken in this matter at this time UACB and this information is being furnished to the Bureau in view of the reference to the Director allegedly made by Mr. PENNINGTON.

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IN  
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STATE OF MARYLAND

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COOPERATING

Chestertown, Md.  
December 18, 1957

EXTENSION SERVICE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a recent directors meeting of the Kent County Farm Bureau the folks were problemed with selecting a speaker for their annual meeting and banquet. Since the Farm Bureau is a non-political group they were interested in securing a person who would be free of political affiliations. They ask me to recommend a speaker and I could not forget a Mr. Lee Pennington of your organization when I heard speak to the Agricultural Glass at the University of Maryland around 1950 or 1952. When I mentioned his name the group immediately requested that I contact you as first preference or perhaps Mr. Pennington if he is still located in the Washington area.

There would be approximately 400 farm families and some local businessmen in attendance at this meeting (all would be adults). The speaker could have approximately a half-hour speaking time.

We would like very much to have you or perhaps Mr. Pennington or another qualified speaker from your organization.

This affair will be held on Thursday, January 30 in the Fire Department Hall, Rock Hall, Kent County Maryland at 7:00 P.M. We are located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, approximately 35 miles North of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience, also any expenses which might occur.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Wearnert  
Kent County Agricultural Agent

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Mr. L. V. Boardman

November 19, 1957

Mr. A. H. Belmont

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
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FORMER [REDACTED]

DETAILS:

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[REDACTED] former Special Agent (SA) and new partner in law firm of [REDACTED] New York City, has been requested by attorneys for [REDACTED] to appear in his behalf in a libel and slander action instituted [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] against American Legion (AL), Lee R. Pennington and Arthur Wayne Murphy, as co-defendants. [REDACTED] handled [REDACTED] as a security informant while in New York Office (NYO). [REDACTED] advises he notified plaintiff's attorneys of his refusal to testify voluntarily and told them he would immediately advise Director of their request and be guided by desires of Bureau. He points out he may be subpoenaed and asks early advice as to recommended and desired position of Bureau in this matter. [REDACTED] was security informant of NYO, only expenses paid, from 1-24-44 to 10-2-47, when it was determined he was furnishing information to publication "Counterattack," anticommunist newsletter published by three former Agents, at same time he worked for us as informant. In interview at that time [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] introduced him to group which published "Counterattack" and was instrumental in his becoming paid informant of that group during August, 1946. After discontinuance as informant, [REDACTED] went to Indiana, became employed by Americanism Commission, AL, from which he was dismissed by Pennington in 1954. In [REDACTED] he filed complaint for damages for libel and slander in United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, suing Pennington for \$500,000 and Murphy for \$200,000. [REDACTED] entered on duty 3-16-42, voluntarily resigned 12-14-45. After [REDACTED] duplicity uncovered, [REDACTED] explained he continued to meet with [REDACTED] socially after his resignation from Bureau, that [REDACTED] told him Bureau was inactive in contacting him, and he admitted bringing [REDACTED] together with "Counterattack" group. He expressed regret over his actions. Pennington is former Bureau inspector who retired 11-30-53 to take position with AL. Murphy held position in AL similar to Pennington's; no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning him.

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Complaint by [REDACTED] (copy filed in 100-355652-27) reflects basis for his action against defendants primarily on statements by them that [REDACTED] was "generally incompetent to engage in any work or employ-

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

RE: [redacted]

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ment which involved...combating communism" and that [redacted] was "an excommunist and was a disloyal citizen and a dishonest man." If plaintiff can have [redacted] testify that [redacted] furnished information regarding communist activities to this Bureau over a period of time his case is strengthened as such testimony would tend to disprove above-alleged statements. This is presumably reason behind plaintiff's request to have [redacted] testify in his behalf plus fact [redacted] had social acquaintance with [redacted] over and beyond normal contacts with him during official duty while he was Agent. Supplement Four (revised) of Departmental Order 3464 signed by the Attorney General 1-13-53, provides that all files, documents, records and reports in the Department, including any information obtained from the FBI, are confidential and the contents can be disclosed only in the performance of official duties. This Order covers former employees also. It appears that application of this order with reference to [redacted] would certainly guard against his disclosure of any information he obtained from [redacted] while he worked the latter as an informant. It is further believed that, since [redacted] developed and handled [redacted] while officially acting as an SA of the FBI and such is recorded in the official records of the Bureau, any disclosure of these activities by [redacted] at this time, even in court, would fall under purview of Departmental Order 3464. Maneuver by plaintiff's attorneys in calling [redacted] to testify is a move to disclose, through [redacted] testimony, that Bureau records show [redacted] worked for us as an authorized informant. The Bureau is certainly a party in interest in this matter. If [redacted] is called upon to testify concerning any relations he had with [redacted] while he [redacted] was employed by the Bureau, it appears reasonable that he could invoke above-quoted Departmental Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is therefore recommended that Departmental opinion be requested in this matter so that, if this stand is upheld, the appropriate US Attorney can be notified of the facts in the matter and requested to counsel and assist [redacted] in the event he is subpoenaed to testify. It is further recommended that NYO be instructed to immediately contact [redacted] to verbally acknowledge receipt of his letter to the Director, and to notify him that this matter is under consideration by the Bureau and that he will be further advised. It is felt that this situation should be handled throughout with [redacted] in an oral fashion rather than through written communications. Such procedure would obviate any possibility of a letter to [redacted] being used by him in any way in the future as to cause embarrassment or concern to the Bureau. Since neither [redacted] letter to the Director nor Bufiles reflect when pending suit is scheduled for trial, it is also recommended that Indianapolis Office be requested to check the docket of the US District Court, Southern District of Indiana, to determine such date.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

RE: [REDACTED]

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ACTION:

If you approve, an airtel to SAC, NYO, Personal Attention, copies to Indianapolis, is attached instructing those offices as outlined above. Two copies of incoming letter from [REDACTED] are enclosed with airtel for information of NYO. Also attached is letter to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins requesting advice as to whether [REDACTED] as a former employee of the Bureau, can invoke the provisions of Departmental Order 3464 if called upon to testify as noted above. Immediately upon notification from the Department in this matter, NYO will be instructed to recontact [REDACTED] and appropriately advise him.

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[REDACTED]  
Counsellors at Law  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York 17, N. Y. [REDACTED]

November 14, 1957

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: [REDACTED] v. The American Legion.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Under date of November 11, 1957, I received a letter from the law firm of [REDACTED] Illinois Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, in which communication they advise about a libel and slander action against The American Legion, Lee R. Pennington and Arthur Wayne Murphy, as co-defendants. [REDACTED] represent one, [REDACTED] as plaintiff in this action. The action has been instituted in the United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, and bears Docket No. IP 56-C-21. [REDACTED] was a Confidential Informant of the Bureau during the course of my service as a Special Agent. I met with [REDACTED] on numerous occasions and received considerable information and cooperation from him.

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Rivett & Rivett have requested my appearance as a witness in behalf of their client, [REDACTED] presumably to testify to the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did receive cooperation from [REDACTED] as a Confidential Informant of the Bureau. I declined the request to testify voluntarily and stated that I would immediately advise you of their request and would be guided by the desires of the Bureau. Of course, [REDACTED] can subpoena me and direct my appearance in Federal District Court. I would greatly appreciate your early advice as to the recommended and desired position of the Bureau in this matter.

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I trust that this letter finds you in continued good health.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Boardman  
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1 - Mr. McNerney

Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

November 19, 1957

Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

[REDACTED] served as a security informant of the New York Office of this Bureau from January 21, 1944, until his discontinuance October 2, 1947. During this time he furnished information primarily concerning the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and communist infiltration into the National Maritime Union. After his discontinuance as an informant, [REDACTED] went to Indiana where he subsequently was employed as research specialist for the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana. He was dismissed therefrom in 1954, allegedly for lack of efficiency, usage of profanity in the office, and disloyalty towards the American Legion. In [REDACTED] filed a complaint for damages for libel and slander against the American Legion, Lee R. Pennington, and Arthur W. Murphy, as co-defendants. This suit, Docket Number IP 56-C-21, was filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, and seeks damages of \$500,000 from Pennington and \$200,000 from Murphy.

[REDACTED] now a partner in the law firm of [REDACTED] New York City, was a Special Agent of this Bureau from March 16, 1942, until his voluntary resignation effective December 14, 1945. During part of his tenure as a Bureau employee he was assigned to our New York Office where he developed [REDACTED] as a security informant and handled him until September, 1944, when he transferred to criminal investigations. After his termination with this Bureau [REDACTED] continued to meet with [REDACTED] occasionally on a social basis until the latter moved to Indiana during the late Fall of 1947.

On November 11, 1957, [REDACTED] received a letter from the law firm of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, attorneys for [REDACTED] in afore-mentioned libel and slander action, requesting [REDACTED] appearance in behalf of their client.

[REDACTED] declined this request to testify voluntarily, but in a letter to the Director dated November 11, 1957, he points out that he may be subpoenaed and requested advice as to the recommended and desired position of the Bureau in this matter.

NOTE: See memo Belmont to Boardman dated 11-19-57 captioned "[REDACTED] Former

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The basis for [ ] action against the defendants rests primarily on statements by them that [ ] was "generally incompetent to engage in any work or employment which involved... combating communism" and that [ ] was "an excommunist and was a disloyal citizen and a dishonest man."

It appears obvious that if [ ] can place [ ] on the stand to testify in his behalf, questions will be directed to him concerning [ ] relationship with [ ] while [ ] was an Agent of this Bureau. Indication by [ ] that he developed and handled [ ] as an informant during that period, even though he revealed none of the information given him by [ ] would strengthen plaintiff's case in this libel and slander action since such testimony by [ ] would tend to disprove the alleged statements above quoted which provide the basis for institution of this court action. Such is presumably the reason behind plaintiff's request to have [ ] testify in his behalf, plus the fact that [ ] had social acquaintance with [ ] over and beyond his normal contacts with him during official duty while he was an Agent.

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In view of the above, it is requested the Department give consideration to this matter and advise whether, under the circumstances as related, [ ] is entitled to invoke the

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provisions of Departmental Order 3464, if and when he may be called upon to testify in this matter. If it is the opinion of the Department that he is entitled to the provisions under this Order, it is further suggested that he should be entitled to the advice and counsel of the appropriate United States Attorney. The Department's advice in this matter is also requested.

No information is available at this time indicating when a trial date is set for the court action above mentioned. However, inasmuch as [ ] has already received a request to testify voluntarily and has refused, he may be subpoenaed at an early date. In view of this, the Department's early consideration and advice in this matter is requested.

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Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Lee Pennington*

On 8/4/58

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community in Atlanta, who has been known to this office for some years, called and advised that he had recently been contacted by [redacted] for the purpose of renting the Tower Theater in Atlanta, which [redacted] owns. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a very cultured, well-dressed individual of English origin, who is apparently a naturalized American citizen, who represented himself as having connections with the movie industry and indicated that his interest in renting the Tower Theater was to use it in development of a picture to combat Communism. [redacted] wanted his contact with [redacted] to be secret, indicating that he was representing a foundation and had unlimited funds at his disposal. He represented himself as having an affiliation with the National Republic Magazine, 511 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and indicated the National Republic Magazine had an interest in the backing of the picture. He also mentioned the name of [redacted] Chicago, as being the man handling the financing.

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[redacted] also informed [redacted] that LEE PENNINGTON, former Bureau Inspector, now affiliated with the American Legion, was also working with him on the matter in the interest of the American Legion.

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[redacted] informed [redacted] that he had been to two or three cities in the South and liked Atlanta the best, and informed [redacted] that he would be back to see him and discuss the matter further with him.

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[redacted] advised that there was nothing with respect to [redacted] appearance or the way he handled himself which aroused his, [redacted] suspicions, and [redacted] gave every indication of being bona fide. However, [redacted] advised that the deal sounded

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TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

LEE PENNINGTON, FORMER BUREAU INSPECTOR.

MR. AND MRS. PENNINGTON DEPART NEW YORK FOUR P.M., NINE  
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Re: [REDACTED]

"too good to be true" and for this reason, coupled with the apparent desire for secrecy on the part of [REDACTED] he was suspicious and thought that we should know about it. He indicated that if [REDACTED] did not return he would let us know. He mentioned that when [REDACTED] was in town his wife accompanied him and that her name was [REDACTED] and that they stayed at the Piedmont Hotel in downtown Atlanta for several days. [REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED] informed him that he, [REDACTED] lived on [REDACTED] in Bethesda, Md.

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Atlanta indices are negative concerning [REDACTED]

Referral/Consult

The Bureau is requested to search its indices on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and furnish the results to the Atlanta Office.

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1 - Inspector DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Simpson

September 19, 1958

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Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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The "National Republic" magazine has been published by the National Republic Publishing Company, 511 11th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., since April, 1925. According to the letterhead of that organization, its purpose is to carry on the fight against all radical movements aimed at the destruction of our constitutional form of government and its institutions. Its editor is Walter S. Steele who has appeared in the past as a witness on communist matters before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

There have been several instances when representatives of this magazine, in soliciting subscriptions, implied that the publication had been endorsed by the FBI. This, of course, is not true. Also, allegations have been received that its salesmen have been known to represent themselves as being affiliated with government organizations. Inquiries have determined that these allegations were without foundation.

Attempts were made to contact former Inspector Lee Pennington, and it was determined that he is presently out of the United States. The Bureau was advised, however, that files of the American Legion in Washington, D. C., and Indianapolis, Indiana, reflect no information concerning [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Atlanta advised [redacted] well-known real estate dealer and highly influential in Jewish circles in Atlanta, advised he had recently been approached by [redacted] for the purpose of renting a theater. [redacted] represented himself as having connections with the movie industry and desired the theater to use it in development of a picture to combat communism. [redacted] wanted the theatre transaction to be kept secret and indicated he had unlimited funds at his disposal. He alleged he was affiliated with [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

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Letter to Atlanta  
RE: [REDACTED]

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"National Republic" magazine in Washington and that Lee Pennington was working with him on the matter in the interest of the American Legion. Rothberg has no reason to be suspicious except the desire for secrecy and the deal seems "too good to be true." [REDACTED] was allegedly from Bethesda, Maryland, and had his wife, [REDACTED] with him in Atlanta. Atlanta requested Bureau check files on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and advise. Inquiry at office of former Inspector Lee Pennington made by Inspector C. D. DeLoach.

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[Redacted]  
Tuscola, Illinois  
December 9, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen and a taxpayer, I would like to make inquiry concerning one of your former employees, Mr. Lee R. Pennington, who, I believe, is now on pension from your Bureau.

Mr. Pennington is now serving the American Legion as Director of the Americanism Commission.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, has just issued a letter to its 930 Units making reference to Mr. Pennington as "formerly Assistant Director of the FBI."

I had previously been informed from a very reliable source that Mr. Pennington was a Statistician or Clerk in the Finance Department of the FBI, which position did not involve any investigating.

I will appreciate it if you will advise me as to just what position Mr. Pennington held with the FBI. The statement in the American Legion Auxiliary letter would lead one to believe that Mr. Pennington was your assistant, because the title "Assistant Director of the FBI" is all-inclusive of the Bureau unless a Department is specified.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

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[Redacted Signature]

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P.S. I shall be glad to send you photostatic copy of the American Legion Auxiliary letter referred to above if you desire it.

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Tuscola, Illinois

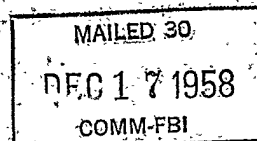
Dear Mrs. Mount:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated December 9, 1958, regarding Mr. Lee R. Pennington.

Mr. Pennington entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 6, 1929, as a Special Agent. On March 21, 1948, he was appointed to the position of Inspector and served in that capacity until November 30, 1953, when he retired.

Mr. Pennington's duties involved investigations of violations of the laws of the United States which are delegated to the FBI. At the time of his retirement, he was a supervisory official at our headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I saw Mr. Lee R. Pennington yesterday at church. He seemed very much upset, advising me that Mrs. Pennington had been operated on Thursday for removal of her gall bladder and appendix. He said she was in a lot of pain but he understood this was natural for about four days.

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October 6, 1959

Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
Americanism Commission  
The American Legion  
1608 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

I have been advised of your pending retirement from The American Legion in November, 1959.

The fact that you chose a new career upon retirement from the FBI in 1954 is certainly demonstrative of your conscientious endeavor to assist your country in the best manner possible. I am certain that your friends in The American Legion, and particularly those in the National Americanism Commission with whom you have labored during the past five years, have enjoyed their work with you to a great extent.

All of your friends in the FBI wish you continued success and much happiness in any future endeavors you might desire to undertake. We know that you will keep the FBI and The American Legion in your heart wherever you go. Please call on us if we can be of any assistance to you whatsoever.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

1 - Mr. Jones (Sent Direct)

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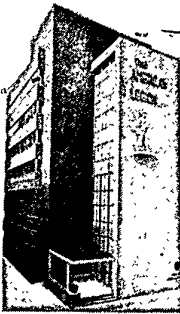
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

October 16, 1959

*[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]*  
*[Handwritten signature: LEO PENNINGTON]*  
*[Handwritten initials: ST.]*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am deeply appreciative of your letter of October 6th relative to my forthcoming retirement as an employee of The American Legion. This is the second letter of this nature you have so kindly written me. Frankly, I have not reconciled myself to a do nothing policy of existence. I'm very much afraid I worked under your supervision too long to just sit and let the rest of the world go by.

If at anytime in the future either the Bureau or you personally have need of some service I can render as an outsider, I am at your command.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature: LEO PENNINGTON]*  
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LEO PENNINGTON  
Assistant Director

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: April 7, 1960

FROM : C. R. Davidson *CRD*  
*Ew*SUBJECT: LEE R. PENNINGTON  
EOD 5-6-29

Former Inspector

Retired 11-30-53

Listing of Former SAC, Bureau Officials,  
and Certain SAs for Possible Contact by  
Field and Seat of Government

Tolson	_____
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Belmont	_____
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Information was received 3-21-60 that Lee Pennington is now working for the American Security Council (ASC) of Chicago on a retainer basis estimated as between \$100-200 per month. You will recall that the ASC is largely comprised of former Special Agents and that the ASC also sponsors Fidelifax, Incorporated, which is a nationwide personnel investigative and fact-finding organization having 32 offices in major cities throughout the country. Each office is headed by a former Agent. Former SA Jack E. Ison is the current director. Bureau files reflect there have been instances when the Communist Party inferred that the ASC had access to Bureau files. These contentions are groundless. From time to time, the Bureau has received comments of a derogatory nature concerning the actions of former Agents affiliated with Fidelifax, Incorporated, in capitalizing on their former association with the FBI. Field Offices have been instructed to answer inquiries concerning these organizations by replying that neither has any connection with the FBI.

It is noted Pennington's address remains at 3808-Taylor Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Crime Records Division has Mr. Pennington listed on the Special Correspondent's mailing list for receipt of the Law Enforcement Bulletin, Director's speeches and the like.

Mr. Pennington had an above-average record during his period of Bureau service and accordingly the Personnel Section has him listed for possible contact by field offices and Seat of Government so invitations might be extended for him to attend functions, including social, certain law enforcement conferences and certain National Academy meetings. Mr. Pennington served in the Bureau from 5-6-29 and was appointed Inspector 3-21-48 and served in latter capacity until his retirement 11-30-53. He became director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion after leaving the Bureau. He later assumed a lesser role with the American Legion. We received information that he was leaving the American Legion in November, 1959, and a cordial note over Director's signature was sent to him wishing him continued success and happiness in future endeavors.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That former Inspector, Lee Pennington, continue to be listed by the Personnel Section for possible invitations indicated above, despite his recent affiliation with the ASC.

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Mr. DeLoach:

[redacted] dropped by yesterday and advised me that Lee Pennington is working for the American Security Council (ASC) of Chicago on a retainer basis. [redacted] says that Lee has no office here just works out of his house and doesn't have too much to do for them as yet. He thought Lee's retainer from them is somewhere between \$100 and \$200 a month.

As you know, the ASC is made up largely of former Agents and they also sponsor Fidelifax, Inc., which is a nationwide personnel investigative and fact-finding organization with 32 offices in major cities throughout the country. Each office is headed by a former Agent. There is attached a Baumgardner to Belmont memo dated 1-30-59 concerning ASC. Since the date of this memo, Jack E. Ison, a former SA is presently the Operating Director. His predecessor was [redacted] also a former Agent. We have had trouble with this outfit in the past as they claimed they had access to Bureau files and we also had indications that some of the former Agents in the organization were going to use Bureau informants in their work with the ASC.

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RE: LEE PENNINGTON  
FORMER INSPECTOR,  
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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 8/25/60

FROM : Mr. McGowan *W*SUBJECT: TOUR OF BUREAU FACILITIES  
MR. LEE PENNINGTON, FORMER  
BUREAU OFFICIAL, AND FRIENDS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Christopher Winn Parry*

On the afternoon of August 24, 1960, Mr. Lee Pennington, former Bureau official, and his friends, Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Winn Parry, from England, were conducted on a tour of the Bureau facilities by SA F. H. Freund, Jr. Both Mr. Pennington and the Parrys expressed appreciation and great interest during the tour. Mr. Pennington, during the extended tour, reminisced a great deal concerning his fond memories of his Bureau service. Dr. and Mrs. Parry seemed very impressed with the FBI facilities and operations.

1 - Mr. Stapleton, Tour Room

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 14, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL (ASC)  
\*OPENING OF WASHINGTON BUREAU

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The American Security Council (ASC) is financed and operated by private industry as a national research and information center on subversive activities for use of its members. Most of its high officials are former Special Agents of the FBI. John M. Fisher, Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee of the ASC, [redacted]

## DEVELOPMENT:

a copy of

Attached is a letter dated 11-5-60 to Mr. Lee R. Pennington, former Bureau Inspector, from John M. Fisher. The letter points out that the ASC will establish a Washington Bureau and issue what will be called the "ASC Washington Report." Rear Admiral Chester Ward will become Director of Education of the ASC and Editor in Chief of the "Washington Report" effective 12-1-60. Ward will be directly responsible to Fisher. The "Washington Report" will be published bi-weekly for ASC members. Lee Pennington will act as Chief of the ASC Washington Bureau and will assist Ward in gathering information for the publication.

*what do files show on ward?*

Fisher, Ward and Pennington will have a meeting the week of 11-20-60 to go over details of opening the office and ironing out financial matters, etc. Fisher plans to be in Washington late this month for an American Society for Industrial Security Board of Directors meeting and a reception for General Trudeau.

The letter points out that the Washington Bureau and the "ASC Washington Report" will be minimum-budget operations. Copy will be worked up here for the "Washington Report," mailed to Chicago where it will be reproduced and mailed to subscribers in quantity.

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The above is set forth for record purposes. [redacted] SA- [redacted] advises [redacted] who is employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company in Chicago. It is not desired that Pennington be made aware that we have received a copy of this letter.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum with enclosure be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its information.

Enclosure

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- Mr. Parsons  
 - Mr. Belmont  
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November 5, 1960

Mr. Lee R. Pennington  
3303 Taylor Street  
Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

Dear Leo:

The following material was taken from my November 4, 1960, letter to Rear Admiral Chester Ward. I am sending it along for your information since it will provide part of the basis for further discussions relating to the development of the ASC Washington Bureau and the ASC Washington Report. I am most anxious to get you and Admiral Ward together. I hope to see you both on either the afternoon of November 20 or some time on November 23.

"This will confirm your appointment as American Security Council Director of Education and as Editor-in-Chief of the ASC Washington Report effective December 1, 1960. The initial period of your employment will be six months.

"We have agreed that either you or the ASC may terminate this relationship for any reason whatsoever at the end of the six months with at least 30 days advance notice. Naturally, neither of us expect this to happen but did agree that such a provision was advisable.

"During this first six months, you will report directly to me. You will have four general areas of responsibility. These are, in order of importance:

- "1. Gathering information not known to the general public concerning national and international developments affecting the security of the nation and writing a bi-weekly ASC Washington Report for ASC members.
- "2. Developing the ASC educational program.
- "3. Making speeches before groups of member company executives and other groups as suggested or approved by the Council.

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- "4. Working closely with Lee Pennington in improving ASC relations with the legislative and executive branches of the government and the armed forces.

"Writing the ASC Washington Report will be your full responsibility. You will search out and carefully document the facts concerning behind-the-scenes developments affecting our nation's security. You will report these facts and analyze their meaning in the ASC Washington Report. The utmost effort must be made to make this an original source publication. We must avoid any appearance of consolidating or retreading previously published material.

"Lee R. Pennington will act as Chief of the ASC Washington Bureau which, as the Council's Washington office, will "publish" the ASC Washington Report. Lee has many, many contacts around Washington and will help you gather information.

"Lee is now looking for a respectable office to share so that the Washington Bureau will have an address, its name on the door, a telephone, someone to answer it, and desk space. I've authorized him to go as high as \$100 a month for the right location.

"Eventually, we will have a part-time or even full-time stenographer in the Washington Bureau for you and Lee -- with the Washington Report having first priority on her time. In the meantime, we may be able to share a steno -- up to two days a week -- in an established office. If not, we should try to find a satisfactory secretarial service -- the type that provides dictating equipment, pickup, and delivery as a part of its service.

"Our financial position requires that the Washington Bureau and ASC Washington Report be minimum-budget operations. Therefore, we ask that you keep your expenses to a minimum. We will authorize you to spend up to \$50 a month for miscellaneous expenses including an occasional guest meal.

"We will print and mail the Washington Report in Chicago. We have the addressograph plates here and need them for the Newsletter, Council Notes, and other mailings. Also, mailing from centrally located Chicago should provide prompter Washington Report delivery for a majority of our membership. In addition, this will save you all production and fulfillment problems. I will try to arrange a 24-hour printing and mailing schedule here; then, if you get the material to me every other Friday, we can print and mail Saturday with the following Monday's date.

"I will arrange for the layout and artwork for the Washington Report format. Please give me your thoughts on the format so that we can be ready with the printed stock and envelopes for the first issue in January, 1961.

Mr. L. E. Pennington

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November 5, 1960

"The ASC Washington Report text will require my approval before it is printed. This is in accordance with our standing policy that any material sent to all member companies must be approved by the Executive Committee Chairman. I will not edit the text without discussing it with you first. In this connection, it might be of interest that I approved the last half dozen ASC Newsletters without change.

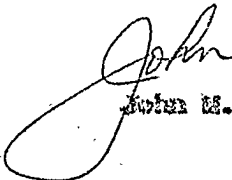
"The November 1, 1960, Council Notes announced your employment as part of the ASC's growth. We will give you a full and enthusiastic write-up in a Council Notes published with the first Washington Report.

"I will be in Washington later this month for an American Society for Industrial Security Board of Directors meeting and a reception for General Trudeau. I will arrive at the Statler-Hilton at about noon on Sunday the 20th and would like to see you and Les Pennington some time that afternoon or some time Wednesday the 23rd. We can go into further details then.

"I am very enthusiastic about the potential of the ASC Washington Report. Your background and training are ideal for this vital role."

Best regards.

Sincerely,



John H. Fisher

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cc: J. E. Ison (2)

S. J. Tracy

C. Ward

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *JP*

DATE: March 3, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL (ASC)

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On Friday, February 24, 1961, I met with John M. Fisher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the American Security Council (ASC), who is with Sears Roebuck and Company; Jack E. Ison, Operating Director of ASC; and Lee Pennington who is Chief of the Washington Bureau of ASC, all being former Special Agents of the FBI.

This was with further reference to the pamphlet which this organization disseminates to its members and also with reference to arrangements which Lee Pennington is making to distribute to the 1700 members the circulars concerning the book "Masters of Deceit," which will be made available through the Washington Bureau of the ASC (Lee Pennington). It is recalled ASC published a 1961 brochure which made numerous references to the Director and the FBI in its program against Communism.

The meeting in Washington by Fisher and others was for the purpose of getting together with the National Strategy Committee to formulate policy and review accomplishments.

The National Strategy Committee is composed of Lloyd Wright, Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond; Dr. Stephen Possony; Admiral Arthur W. Radford; Admiral Felix B. Stump; General Maxwell D. Taylor; Rear Admiral Chester C. Ward; and General A. C. Wedemeyer.

Fisher, et al, were anxious to render whatever assistance they could to the FBI and they hoped if at any time they engaged in any activity which did not meet with the FBI's approval that this would be brought to their attention. They were anxious to please the Bureau and were hopeful that the fine relationship which presently existed would continue.

Pennington stated that they were working on the proposed circular which would deal solely with the book "Masters of Deceit" and he would make a copy of this available when they had finished its preparation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-25-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: BOYS NATION REPRESENTATIVES  
REQUEST TO MEET DIRECTOR AND TOUR FBI  
JULY 25 - 9:45 A.M.

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By letter dated May 18, 1962, former Bureau Inspector Lee R. Pennington, who is presently Assistant to the Director of the Americanism Committee, the American Legion, requested a tour of FBI Headquarters for the representatives of Boys Nation. Pennington stated that they would like to visit the Bureau from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 25th. Pennington further commented that it would be appreciated if the Director could briefly talk to the boys. In the event the Director is not available, he commented that he would like to have Special Agent Donald G. Hanning meet the boys either before or after the tour.

Similar groups have visited FBI Headquarters in the past. They usually number around a hundred boys. Last year they were taken on tour and Special Agent Charles E. Moore talked to them briefly in one of the classrooms after the tour.

Since you and Special Agent Hanning will both be away on July 25, it is suggested that in the event the Director cannot see the group, an Agent from your division be designated to give them a brief outline of the activities and responsibilities of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Pennington advising a special tour has been arranged and informing him that the Director will be happy to meet the group if his schedule permits.

Enclosure *sent 5-25-62*

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- 1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosures
- 1 - Tour Room - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures

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Re: Boys Nation Representatives

(2) That the Director's regrets be expressed when this group calls  
at the Bureau in view of its size.

(3) That a Special Agent from the Crime Records Division be  
designated to further outline the activities and responsibilities of the FBI after  
the tour.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11/21/69

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Hanning  
Mr. Callahan

SUBJECT: LEE R. PENNINGTON  
Former Bureau Employee  
(Retired from FBI 11/30/53)  
AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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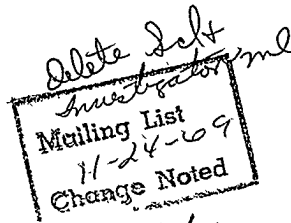
Following Pennington's retirement from the FBI, he applied for and was given a job with the American Legion as Staff Director of the National Americanism Commission. He failed in his responsibilities in this position, inasmuch as the Legion felt he not only could not handle the duties and responsibilities imposed on him, but he was somewhat garrulous and intemperate in his remarks. He was demoted to the position of Assistant on the staff, and tighter controls were placed on him.

Bureau files will reflect that at the time Pennington reached retirement age in the Legion, he came to the Bureau's representatives (Mr. Hanning and me) and requested that the Director intercede with the American Legion and obtain a waiver for him. The Assistant National Adjutant of the Legion, Mr. William F. Hauck, advised us in confidence at the time that the Legion did not desire to give Pennington a waiver inasmuch as his continuous "mouthings" and waste of time were proving to be a source of irritation and inefficiency. The Director approved the memorandum that we not do anything at that time to intercede for Pennington. Pennington was therefore retired from the American Legion. 67-11938-433

Mr. Hanning and I attempted on a number of occasions to show kindness toward Pennington, in view of the fact that he had been a former employee of the FBI. We noted, however, considerable bitterness on his part over the fact that the Bureau did not intercede for him with respect to a waiver concerning his retirement from the Legion. On one occasion Pennington came to me and asked me to use influence in the

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Mr. Tolson

Legion to appoint him to Mr. Hanning's place on the National Americanism Commission. He stated he was retired and therefore would have more time than Mr. Hanning to be of value to the Legion. I pointed out to him that Mr. Hanning was a current employee of the FBI and therefore was in a much better position to be both of benefit to the Legion and particularly to the Director and the FBI. I told him that the Director regarded the National Americanism Commission as an ally of the Bureau and therefore the appointee should be a current employee who was not only knowledgeable concerning FBI operations, but was under the supervision of the Director. Pennington was considerably upset over this matter.

Occasionally Messrs. Hanning, Coll and I hear rumors in Legion circles that Pennington continues to grumble over (1) the refusal of the Bureau to intercede with the Legion to obtain a waiver concerning his retirement, and (2) my failure to replace Mr. Hanning and put Pennington on the National Americanism Commission. Chief among Mr. Pennington's complaints is the fact that the FBI Post gets two or three national appointments each year, while the Justice Department Post (of which Mr. Pennington is a member) gets no appointments.

American Legion National Headquarters here in Washington looks upon Pennington as rather a sad commentary. He apparently has very little to do and on occasion hangs around and attempts to engage various employees in small talk. This proves to be a source of constant irritation. The National Adjutant has often voiced the thought that he should issue a rule barring Pennington from entering the Legion's National Headquarters.

**ACTION:**

The FBI employees who maintain liaison with the American Legion will hold Pennington at arm's length and have nothing to do with him. He is not, as stated above, a member of the FBI Post, but hangs around constantly with members of the small Justice Department post.

*Mr. Pennington is not a "well man"*

*Remove him from  
all mailing lists.*

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*H [Done 11-24-69  
M.A.G.]*

Mr. Mohr

September 23, 1964

W. S. Tavel

DeWITT COPP -  
AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL

I have just learned from Mr. DeWitt Copp that he has been hired as manager of the Washington office of the American Security Council. Copp is an individual with whom I was acquainted in high school and who, until recently, has taught history in a private school in Connecticut and done free-lance writing on the side. The Bureau assisted him in a book which he has written on communist activities at the United Nations by supplying him with certain public source data. Copp states he expects the book to be published early in 1965. The American Security Council is an anticommunist organization subscribed to by numerous industrial firms and which maintains a central reference library of information on communism and communists in Chicago.

Copp stated that his primary job to begin with is organizing and writing scripts for a radio program to be sponsored by the American Security Council consisting of 5-minute taped interviews with prominent individuals concerning topics dealing primarily with communism. He states that 500 radio stations across the country have accepted this service, which is being furnished as a public service feature and paid for by the Schick Razor Company. The editor is a Dr. Walter H. Judd and the coeditor is Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.). Copp stated that Senator Dodd would conduct a few of the interviews but that most of them would be handled by Judd. The program is expected to be on 5 days a week. Copp stated that the initial program is to appear on September 28 and he gave me a copy of a recording of the first program. I am sending this to the Domestic Intelligence Division separately.

Copp also furnished me a copy of a book entitled "Peace and Freedom Through Cold War Victory" with the subtitle "Guidelines for Cold War Victory" published by the American Security Council Press. I am also furnishing this separately to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

Copp mentioned incidentally that Lee Pennington, formerly an Inspector in the FBI, has been doing some research work for the American Security Council in Washington and is working with Copp at present.

COMMENDATION: Submitted for information.

DeLoach

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Personnel file of Lee R. Pennington (out of service)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 2/14/63

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL (ASC)  
REQUEST FOR ARTICLE BY DIRECTOR

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Former Inspector Lee Pennington called at the Bureau yesterday, 2/13/63, and left the attached copy of the American Security Council newsletter. This entire pamphlet is devoted to an article concerning the Communist Party by Congressman Walter, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Pennington, who is Washington representative for the American Security Council, wanted to know if it would be possible for the Director to do a similar article for this publication on the dangers of the Communist Party in the United States.

The American Security Council is well known to the Bureau and its staff is composed primarily of former Bureau Agents.

Pennington was diplomatically advised that due to the great pressure of work the Director has pending at the present time it would be impossible for him to consider this request in the foreseeable future.

RECOMMENDATION

None. For information.

ENCLOSURE

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-26-69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: LEE PENNINGTON  
AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES

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Special Agent Hanning has advised me that he received a telephone call from former Bureau employee, Lee Pennington, and was at a loss to understand just why Pennington contacted him. He has not been in previous contact with Hanning for many months.

Pennington did not seem to have anything in mind other than to go into a vitriolic tirade against you (Mr. DeLoach) personally and FBI Post 56 in particular. He seemed to resent the success of both in Legion circles and certainly exhibited a petty and jealous attitude. It was very difficult to pin him down on specifics, but he did admit he was bitter about the fact that FBI Post 56 had received three national appointments from the National Commander while his Department of Justice post had received none. He was told this was a reward for hard work and dedicated service.

Pennington claimed that Hanning had been successively named to a post on the National Americanism Commission for many years and that he had been ignored for such an appointment. He stated that the Justice Department post had a right to have this appointment. Pennington was reminded that the FBI had held this appointment for many years going back to his time and that this appointment was properly tendered to a current employee of the Bureau. It is pointed out that the Justice Department post of the American Legion is a small disorganized one and never takes part in any activity.

Pennington rambled on further about petty matters of Legion policy and procedures, but terminated the conversation abruptly when advised by Hanning that he was obviously jealous of the success of both you and FBI Post 56 and that we did not care to listen any further to his intemperate tirade.

## RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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## Underground Anderson

American newspaper readers have recently been "regaled" with fairy tales by Jack (Underground) Anderson, Drew (Ananias) Pearson's associate liar, which make Anderson (the prize War Coward of World War II) look like the super hero of Standard Oil's War in Viet Nam. Anderson even claimed to have gone on battle missions with US flyers, to have slogged thru the rice paddies with the Marines, to have slugged it out with the Army and to have gone into battle with the Navy.

To cap the mendacious climax, Underground Andy wrote in his March 1st stint that an intelligence report warned that the Viet Congs were about to attack Pleiku. This clown said he immediately flew up where the bullets were starting to fly and even spent the night in a command post where the war was being escalated. Those who know Anderson and the way he ducked the draft in 1942 with a perjured and false questionnaire, know this to be the purest sheep dip. If Anderson ever heard that bullets were going to fly, he would hightail it in the opposite direction as he did in 1942.

That's exactly what this coward did in this case. He never left Saigon and was always looking for the most bombproof "recess" in the city. Instead of the three weeks his "dispatches" indicated, he was only there a few days. Everything he wrote, and filed with phoney date lines, was taken from US Information Service background sheets which are furnished daily to all newsmen in Saigon.

Anderson Perjured Himself Nine Times---In trying to throw a smokescreen over his cowardice in World War II, he committed perjury in nine counts on a deposition taken in a libel suit by L/C Phil Corso against the Pearson-Anderson duo, in June 1966. The day after the Pearl Harbor betrayal Uncle Sam issued his call for men. Two days later Anderson, who was 18 years old, out of high school and of prime draft age tried to hide behind the skirts of the Mormon Church. He wrangled an "assignment" as an unpaid, pay-your-own-expenses "missionary with a roving assignment" in the Southeastern states.

When his Salt Lake City draft board caught up with him, and convinced him that he couldn't get away with this type of flim flam, he filed a questionnaire (July 1, 1942) in which he swore that he was then a member of the Armed forces. The Mormon Church certified to us that he was a play missionary in Alabama from December 19, 1941 to Feb. 22, 1944. Under the belief that he was serving his country the Board put him in Class 1-C and forgot about him until the end of the war, and then some.

More Falsehoods---Anderson was never able to account for his whereabouts from February 1944 until the end of the war 18 months later. But immediately after the Jap surrender he showed up back home in Salt Lake City and got his name in the city directory. In his perjured deposition, he swore he was in the Merchant Marine Academy (what period, he didn't say). The Academy writes that they never heard of him. He said he was a sergeant, on the staff of the Pacific Stars & Stripes.

There was no Pacific Stars and Stripes then. The Army paper in that area was called "The Round-up". However after the war it was taken over by the Stars and Stripes, who write us that they never heard of Anderson. If some member of Congress, in a position like Mendel Rivers, Armed Forces Committee chairman, ever develops the guts of a chipmunk, Underground Andy can go to prison for a long time for what amounts to desertion in time of war.

Pearson Sets the Example---Anderson's boss (Pearson) is a kindred spirit. He was the prize War Coward of World War I. Tho of military age he steadfastly ducked any confrontation with his draft board for 19 months. At Swarthmore College, where Pearson was ducking the draft, they had a unit of the Students Army Training Corps, which put on uniforms of a sort and did close order drill on the campus. This same drill was routine for the Girl Cadets of high schools all over the land. Army men used the initials SATC to call it the "Safe at the College" sisters.

All thru his junior year he stayed away from the SATC. When his senior year began in September 1918 he still was totally disinterested in close order drill. But when his draft number came up on Oct. 25, 1918, he became very interested. As quick as he could (3 days later) he "joined up" with the Girl Cadets and did close order drill for 14 days, at which time the war ended. Pearson breathed the heaviest sigh of relief ever heard on the Swarthmore College Campus.

## CAPSULE NEWS APRIL 1966

Garbled and Faked "News"---The current venomous Pearson-Moscow "offensive" (in more than one sense of the word) against Sen. Dodd is a prime example of Pearson's slimy methods. It just takes two items to describe this. First, someone gave Sen. Dodd a small throwaway rug, 6x9½ inches, similar in appearance to those one can buy at any 5-and-10. The Senator uses it to protect his coffee table from a cigar ash tray. Pearson represented it as "an expensive Oriental rug", given for Sen. Dodd's vote on some undisclosed measure.

Political implications and reverberations could result, unless Connecticut voters get at the truth, from Pearson's distortions and falsehoods in the matter of figures he stole from the Dodd files and for which he may be indicted in the near future for receiving stolen goods. He took figures from private personal Dodd transactions, and claimed they were campaign contributions used for personal benefit. Items like \$85,000, \$60,995, \$17,455.18, etc etc etc, when mis-stated in Pearson's venal style of innuendo, look impressive to some people.

Congressional Quarterly's 1964 report of campaign receipts and expenditures tell a totally different story. Pearson's veracity (what little there is of it) assays about 10¢ on the \$1,000. Congressional Quarterly is an authoritative, objective and never-yet-disputed work. Its figures, taken from official sources, show these contributions to the 1964 Dodd Campaign---none of the fake figures of Pearson's: N. C. Earl \$1,000, John W. Kluge \$500, David Leach \$500, Edgar Pearson \$1,000, Democratic Senatorial Committee \$600, \$250, \$2,500, \$100, \$2,500 and \$1,500.

War Records---Drew (Bomb Proof) Pearson was World War I's prize slacker and dodger of the Draft. In 1917 he was 20 years old, of prime draft age. He was in Swarthmore College where they had a haven for draft dodgers called "Students' Army Training Corps". Like the Girl Cadets of Arlington (Va) High School, just across the River from here, they participated in daily close order drills. But---its members were exempt from the Draft. Pearson showed no interest in close order drill during his junior year. When his senior year started in Sept 1918, he still showed no interest. But when on Oct. 25, 1918, his draft number came in he got very interested. As fast as he could (The War Dept said it was Oct. 28th) he got himself safely ensconced in Swarthmore's SATC. Army men said these initials meant Safe At The College. The War Dept showed 14 days later and Pearson breathed his first sigh of relief in 18 months.

Junior Louse Was A Beaut---From an authoritative source we learn that Jack Anderson, Pearson's legman and dog robber, followed his mentor's footsteps. In 1942 he was living in Salt Lake City. By some kind of hocus pocus, he had the Mormon Church send him to China as a missionary. There he thought he was safe, but this was his undoing. He flew over to India one day, presumably to convert or proselyte some of the Hindu Brown men. But US Army Intelligence was on the ball. He was met at the airport by a welcoming committee of two MP's and escorted to an induction center. When forcibly inducted into the US Army he pleaded that he was a conscientious objector and whined "You can't do this to me". But the Army took care of that. They stifled his CO plea by making a non-combatant of him and assigning him to the office of the Army newspaper (Stars & Stripes) in the Far East.

They're Touchy in Reidsville---The Pearson arrest, on never-disclosed charges, in Reidsville (NCar) is still a touchy subject down there. The present (active) generation know nothing about it as it happened many years ago. The preceding generation would rather forget it. Your editor went to Reidsville last week trying to get at the bottom of it. He met with hostility. Charles Oliver, present editor of the Reidsville Daily REVIEW tried to discourage our request for the facts in the case. He hotly said there was "no moral turpitude involved". We hadn't said there was. And Junior J. Glidewell jr (son of the lawyer who defended Pearson at the trial) heatedly said "there was no homosexual charges involved." We hadn't said there was. We did find out that, whatever it was (the police court records appear falsified) Reidsville Chamber of Commerce wants it covered up. Mr. Glidewell talked freely and courteously to us, but could only repeat what his father had told him in which the elder Glidewell could only repeat what Pearson had told him.

"Pearson and his buddy", the current Mr. Glidewell said, "had finished tearing down the tent which housed his father's Chautauqua about 3 am. To wash the sweat

From their bodies they went to a fire hydrant which protruded from a building which now houses the Big Apple Market. They turned on the hydrant and showered themselves. Altho it was still dark, a woman across the street called the police. Southern Railway officers responded and took them to the Reidsville jail.

"When they came up for trial, Judge Ben Lindsay, a famous Colorado jurist, then a paid lecturer for the Pearson Chautauqua, was in court. He was invited to sit with the regular police court judge and try the case. With Judge Humphrey concurring this 2-judge court unanimously decreed Pearson Not Guilty."

Bread-and-Butter Verdict---This is the only case we ever heard of where a judge sat (legally, or as in this case illegally) in a case where his bread and butter depended on a "Not Guilty" verdict. Judge Lindsey (no longer a Colorado judge) was on the payroll of Pearson's father as a lecturer. If Mr. Glidewell, or his father, had been in a similar situation either would have disqualified himself.

Facts are that the "good people" of Reidsville---the bankers, merchants, church deacons, had financed the Pearson Show. To have Pearson's son convicted of the crime, for which some people say he was arrested, would have made so many red faces in Reidsville they'd have never gotten over it. But to have a little Negro boy as his co-defendant would have been unspeakable and unthinkable. So the "good people" gave Judge Humphrey the works and told him what to do. Editor Oliver himself said the Judge didn't have sense enough to keep his own records straight.

Swiss Cheese Alibi---Pearson's perjury on the witness stand would undoubtedly have drawn him a jail sentence in anything but a rigged court. The story of the fire hydrant sponge bath was 100% fiction. We closely examined the Big Apple Market building last week. There was nothing protruding from the wall. A close brick-by-brick examination showed there had never been a fire hydrant there. All over Reidsville we saw fire hydrants like they are in all cities---on the curbs.

That a woman could see across the street, in total darkness, was also absurd. It was more absurd that, if she could, that she called railroad police instead of city police. Tho Mr. Glidewell said that Southern Railway property was "right next to the Big Apple, it wasn't. It was a full block away. Anyhow, railroad police don't go "poaching" on city police territory.

They'd get in serious trouble if they did.

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# CAPSULE NEWS JULY 1966 The Mystery Man of World War 2

## UNDERGROUND IKE

Jack (Junior Louse) Anderson is the prize slacker and Mystery Man of World War II. Junior outdid his boss, Drew (Ananias) Pearson who took the prize slacker prize in World War I. Pearson is the arch hatist and disgrace to the newspaper profession who hates everybody (except Communists), and takes a sadistical delight in wrongfully hurting men in public life. Altho of prime draft age, Anderson never registered in 1942, or even thereafter, but went underground when he thought the Feds were catching up with him, or that his draft board was reaching out as if to say "Uncle Sam wants you, even if you ain't much of a man. He can put you on the Latrine Detail."

Anderson's cowardice came to light forcefully when he was forced to make a deposition in the case of a \$6,000,000 libel suit filed against him and Pearson by Lt. Col. Philip Corso. "Wholesale Perjury" is a mild way of describing this affidavit; and perjury makes the culprit liable for 2-to-10 years in the penitentiary under District of Columbia law. Robert E. Manuel, the Corso attorney, did his best to draw out of him information about where he was all during World War II, for the purpose of determining his credibility.

Falsehood No. 1---But, no soap. CAPSULE NEWS has checked his nine major answers, and found 8½ of them to be outright lies. One of his nine major "Answers" (if one can call them that) was half true. His first statement was that he "received a call" to be a missionary of the Mormon Church, and stayed in that position over two years, under the belief that he (while 22 years old) was too young for the draft. The Mormon Church says he was an unsalaried pay-your-own-expenses missionary in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina from December 20, 1941, to Feb. 22, 1944. It took him but two weeks after Pearl Harbor for him to wangle this "call".

But it appears Anderson was using the Mormon Church as a cover for whatever he was doing to bring in the mazuma for his living, traveling and other expenses. His parents couldn't have been supporting him in this style because his father (Orlando N. Anderson) was only a clerk in the Salt Lake City post office, and his mother was unemployed.

They were listed thus in the 1941 Salt Lake City directory. Jack N. Anderson was listed as a reporter in the TRIBUNE; in 1940 as a student. He and his parents lived far down (2173) on Fardown Avenue. Next, Jack N. was listed in the 1946 job (compiled late in 1945) when his name was shown (no occupation) at the Fardown Avenue address. He thus had to have come from underground shortly or immediately after V-J Day, which day made him safe from his draft board.

Where he was underground is as much of a mystery here as is how he made the money to carry on his alleged missionary work. Many folks think he was conducting black market operations with the Mormon Church as a cover, since he had no trade or profession and this was a "popular" calling in those days for persons of that stripe with little or no ethics.

The false part of this "answer" was "I was ordained as a minister when I accepted the "call" to be a Mormon missionary." The Mormon religion says that a Mormon technically becomes an ordained minister at the age of 12 but has no powers until he makes 5 degrees. Starting at 12 he is a deacon. Then he has to take teacher, priest, elder, seventy and high priest. All of these degrees are automatic if he attends church.

Falsehood No. 2---"Early in 1944 I volunteered for the Naval Reserve and was sent to the Merchant Marine Academy, Marine Officer training school at San Mateo, California." The Navy Department says he didn't volunteer or join the Naval Reserves because there was no such thing at that time. With coming of the war all Naval Reserve units were mustered into the regular Navy and served alongside the gobs of the USN.

The Merchant Marine Academy brands the second part of this statement as false in its entirety. It said "We have checked our personnel records and find no one by the name of Jack Northman Anderson as attending this academy at any time."

The Navy also says that had he enlisted in the Navy they'd have never sent him to the Merchant Marine Academy, because that was a civilian outfit under control of the War Shipping Administration.

Falsehood No. 3---"After three months' study at the Academy, I received a commission as a midshipman." The Academy reports that this would have been false even if he ever was there, because their students are known as "cadets". In making up this lie Anderson got the MMA confused with the US Naval Academy. Then he lied again, under oath, when he said "I volunteered for this specific program, training as a Merchant Marine officer, as it was under the Naval Reserve." The Navy said that was false.

Falsehood No. 4---"After 3 months training, and receiving a commission as a midshipman (a rank that doesn't exist in the Merchant Marine) I went to sea on the CAPE ELIZABETH, one of our merchant marine ships. We sailed the South Pacific and Indian Ocean for 7 or 8 months." When asked the name of his captain during those 7 or 8 months he said he didn't know. And, Maritime Bureau records do not show him a member of this or any other merchant marine ship.

Then, the Maritime Administration says the "Liz" wasn't a training ship for the Merchant Marine Academy, but was a cargo ship (now in mothballs) plying the Pacific under control of the Army.

Falsehood No. 5---"I was a midshipman in the Merchant Marine about a year. My duties were navigation, cargo handling, studying, mostly as an apprentice officer." Because his explanations are all false, and since he "handled cargo" (if he did) it looks like he was a swab jockey or a stevedore, if he ever was on this ship. We found no evidence that he was.

Falsehood No. 6---He was asked if he got a discharge certificate from the Merchant Marine, like he would have from the other services if he had have registered the draft. His answer, blandly: "I don't recall". I left the Merchant Marine to become a war correspondent." Thru some unexplained process of alchemy, he turned up (so he said) "in a bush" with the Chinese guerillas as a "War Correspondent".

Falsehood No. 7---"I was in China from sometime in 1945 until sometime in 1947 and 1948." The Salt Lake City Directory for 1946 (compiled in late 1945, or shortly after V-J Day) shows Jack N. Anderson, no occupation, back at his parents' home in Salt Lake City.

Falsehood No. 8---"I was inducted into the US Army in Chungking after the war was over (which was August 16, 1945). They tried to get me before, but I was in the bush with Chinese guerillas. When I came out the American Embassy told me the Army had been inquiring about me."

Col. Frank Milani, adjutant general of the US forces in the China-Burma-India Theater during the war, said this part of Anderson's yarn is preposterous. The Army didn't induct people. That was done by draft boards and recruiting offices. The Army didn't pick up people unless requested by the State Dept, and then they were turned over to the American Embassy.

Falsehood No. 9---Replying to the question---"What branch of the Army were you inducted into, the infantry, artillery, or whatnot?" Anderson blibly said "the Stars and Stripes". This was an Army newspaper in Europe, as Col. Milani pointed out. He said the C-B-I had its own paper, the ROUND-UP.

An Arabian Nights Tale---If he ever was in China it requires a fanciful flight of the imagination to imagine how he got there. Did he pick the name of the ship CAPE ELIZABETH out of a hat? It could have been that, in seeking to get out of the country before the draft board caught up with him, he signed-up under a false name as a swab jockey or latrine orderly on the "Liz", then jumped ship when it got to Hong Kong.

The one thing that stands out from his false testimony is that he beat Pearson at his own game of draft dodging. Pearson's board did catch up with him, on October 25, 1918 (14 days before the Armistice) and scared him so badly he joined up with the girl cadets equivalent at Swarthmore College. Anderson's draft board never did catch up with him because he risked five years in the pen by not registering.

Underground Ike---Where, oh where, was the Junior Louse when Uncle Sam was issuing, in the words of the war song, "his stirring call for men." Who knows? Aside from the fact that he was 'way underground, and didn't come out of the woodwork until V-J Day. Like Pearson on Armistice Day 1918, he was safe as a butterfly in a cocoon.

## Oh, What A Tangled Web We Weave

### WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE---

Jack (Junior Louse) Anderson, Drew (Ananias) Pearson's Associate Liar, is about to learn this if he has intellect enough to take it in. He is in bad trouble; worse than the fix he got himself into when he told those nine major whoppers in his deposition in the Corso libel suit. In August we showed he was World War II's biggest slacker, just as Pearson captured those "honors" in World War I.

Now we find he did register for the draft on July 1, 1942. But he swore on his questionnaire that he was then in the Armed Forces. So the draft board classified him I-C and forgot about him for the duration. According to the Mormon Church, he was an unpaid pay-his-own-expenses "missionary" doing something or other in the five South-eastern states from Dec. 20, 1941, to Feb. 22, 1944. To evade the draft with a false questionnaire is akin to desertion, pretty serious in anybody's language.

Bootlicking Again---For many months Drew Ananias Pearson licked the Johnson boots in his "column" so hard people thought he was getting shoe polish tongue. Suddenly he turned on him and began to attack both LBJ and his daughter. It developed the President had refused to appoint his stepson District Attorney for the DC, a position which he was totally incapable of handling, since he had never a day's law experience in his life. He, Pearson, has turned around and started licking the Johnson boots again.

Why, is anybody's guess. It is known he would like to be made immune from criminal prosecution by the Dept. of Justice. It is known he would like to have the DJ's frame up this editor. He is now trying to steal a Negro radio station (WOOK) from its rightful owners on some of his "patented" lying declarations. He declares he can serve the Negro community better than the present owners of WOOK are doing it. ALL AMERICA LOUSE gives a good idea of how he can "serve" anything.

CRASH PROOF AUTO---Republic Aviation reports it has designed a new run-of-mine type automobile that will cut down crash deaths and injuries 50%. This would be the biggest sales item in the transportation field since Henry Ford started out to put the whole nation on wheels with rubber tires. When then, doesn't Republic Aviation immediately start mass production? Thousands of people would be living at the end of 1967 who actually will be dead.

So, instead of starting production they are supplicating the New York legislature for \$300,000 to "study and find out whether these lives should be saved." If they'd go ahead and start mass production, they could make \$300,000 every day of the year. We have before us photographs of the drawing board output. The car is not queer looking at all, as a crackpot idea would be. It has a protrudence from the roof over the driver's seat to enable the operator to better see a fool coming from the opposite direction and give him a better chance to run off the road without turning over.

Some of the safety features in Republic's publiture include: (1) Engine Mounting that will cause this item to deflect downward in a crash instead of into the lap or chest of the driver.....(2) Steering wheel which the driver can make collapse instead of piercing his chest.....(3) Location of gasoline filler pipe where it won't cause crash fires.....(4) Foot-thick foam rubber "absorbing" cushions in doors.....(5) Door pillars, roll bars and bulkheads to prevent crushing of body like an eggshell....(6) Plus 17 other features of a practical nature. Instead of investigating a book with a catchy title about unsafe cars, Congress should put the government into the crash proof auto business if some manufacturers won't beat them to it.

PUSSYFOOT JOE---Rep. Joe Martin (Mass), dean of the House Republicans, has gone the way of his Democratic counterpart, Howard Smith (Va) longtime Rules Chairman. After 42 years in Congress he was knocked off in the primary by a Mrs. Margaret Heckler who heckled him about his age and resulting failure to show for rollcalls very often. Joe shouldn't have been retired for his age but should have for another reason.

During the "New" Deal days, when FDR was humbugging billions out of Congress, Martin's newspaper (North Attleboro CHRONICLE) was a most enthusiastic supporter of Roosevelt's humbuggery. Often his "GOP" paper would use 8-col banner heads on Page 1 to put across a particular piece of Roosevelt humbuggery and false propaganda. Mrs. Heckler should have heckled Pussyfoot Joe about that.



## CAPSULE NEWS Nov 1966

### Pearson Lowrates Congress

Drew (Ananias) Pearson thinks all committee chairmen in the House and Senate are cowards, like his joining of the "Girl Cadets" at Swarthmore College, to keep out of World War I shows he is himself. By innuendo, he has practically said so in a pair of vicious attacks on Liberty Lobby, which is performing a useful chore in Washington by informing members and committees of little known facts about Communist infiltration and activities. Pearson resents this, because he is an unregistered Soviet agent and their leading propagandist in this country. Part of his duties is to prevent Liberty Lobby's facts from becoming known. So, if he perchance destroys the activities of LL he should be due a raise in salary, or fee, by his Moscow bosses.

His two recent smear jobs, by innuendo gave the impression that Liberty Lobby is purely an anti-semitic and anti-Negro organization and nothing could be further from the truth. The only anti they are is anti-Communist and since the King of the Stink-ers is anti-anti-Communist his bile in this instance is understandable. Anyone can see this for himself by reading Liberty Lobby's two periodicals---Liberty Letter and Washington Observer.

Jack (Underground) Anderson, Pearson's associate liar and procurer of stolen goods, was such a coward that he dodged World War II by registering falsely for the draft, swearing on his questionnaire that he was then a member of the armed forces while he was posing as a Mormon missionary in the Southern tier of States. Underground Andy has been bragging in the Senate Press Gallery that he and Pearson are going "to destroy Liberty Lobby". He described their modus as a campaign to frighten gutless committee chairmen---Anderson said there are a lot of them---into refusing to let Liberty Lobby's representatives within a mile of committee doors.

In his smear of Liberty Lobby, Pearson has done another job of bribery and stolen goods just as he did on Senator Dodd and Congressman Rousselot. He found a rat in the LL office and bribed him to take photostats of hundreds of letters, and even of payroll checks. CAPSULE NEWS herewith offers a reward of \$1,000 to anyone who can turn up what we consider a lower or more revolting creature than Pearson.

**HITTING THE SACK---**Gov. Wallace of Alabama hit the nail on the head pretty hard at a speech in Meridian (Miss) where he went to help the pro-American Senator Eastland overcome the hate campaign of the left-wingers, well-heeled with Rockefeller money, who are working on him out of Washington and New York. In part, he said:

"You can put LBJ in the sack, you can put HHH in the sack and you can put Bobby Kennedy in the sack. You can put Earl Warren in the sack; he doesn't have enough legal brains in his whole head to try a chicken thief in my home county. You can put Wild Bill Scranton and Leftwing Romney and that Socialist Governor--Nelson Rockefeller in the sack. Put 'em all in the same sack and shake them up. I don't care which one comes out. You stick 'em back in because there isn't a dime's worth of difference in the whole kaboodle."

**DUKEFISH---**Sen. Russell (Dukefish) Long of Louisiana has just plagiarized a plan to put honesty in Federal elections that CAPSULE NEWS has been urging for six years. But understandingly he loused it up and completely denuded it of teeth. Our plan was to have the taxpayers finance all campaigns for Federal officials and get their money back many times over by preventing their electees from being beholden to the present large contributors to election campaigns.

To begin with, the Dukefish left a large loophole wide open to applying it only to Presidential campaigns. This left the door wide open for the Eastern Financial Aristocracy (as Sen. Goldwater dubbed the Rockefeller Heirarchy) to take over as many members of Congress as are for sale. Then he made it that 70,000,000 taxpayers may pay \$1 tax with their income tax returns and authorize the Internal Revenue Service to apply it to financing the next Presidential campaign.

How many people would do this, and how many people would let George do it, the Louisiana salon apparently never gave thought to. Neither did the Congress when it passed the bill, as a rider tacked onto the bill to encourage foreign investments.

Salt Lake City Directory

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1940---Jack Andersonm student, 2173 Fardown ave  
Orlando N (Agnes) Anderson, clerk, POD

1941---Jack Anderson, reporter, Tribune

1942---Not in.

1946---Jack N. Anderson, 2173 Fardown ave  
Also his parents

1947---No directory

1948---JNA not in directory

1944---Listed 2173 Fardown, nonoccupation

1948---Not in

1949---A Jack Anderson, student, 1504 - 11th East  
Orlando and Agnes Anderson, 229 NW Temple

1951---Jack N. Anderson, ticket agent, Western Airlines  
523 Douglas street (Pink pages show this address vacant)

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343-7174



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Oct. 3 1945 - Pacific Edition Started

Asahi Shimbun #1  
Japan Times

11/29/53

10/23/62

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## STARS AND STRIPES

APO SAN FRANCISCO 96503

6 July 1967

Mr. Morris A. Bealle  
CAPSULE NEWS  
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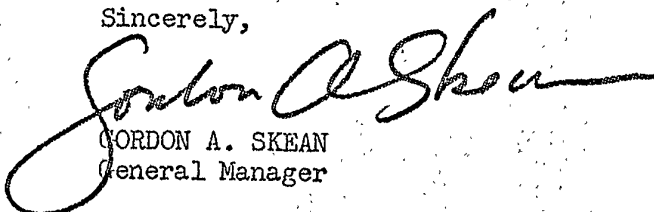
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Sincerely,

  
GORDON A. SKEAN  
General Manager

PLEASE FORWARD ALL COMMUNICATIONS VIA AIR MAIL

Col. Frank Milani, Adjutant General of the CBI (China-Burma-India Theater) in 1945 says the whole story about the military picking him up and inducting him is false. The Army would only have picked him up if requested by the State Department or the FBI or some civilian agency, and then he'd have been turned over to them. There was no Stars & Stripes in the Far East---Only in Europe. The C-B-B had its own paper, The Round-Up

The Mormon church has no paid ministers. All missionaries pay their own way, except that one-way transportation <sup>home</sup> is sometimes furnished.

Col. Frank Milani, USA (Ret)  
8810 Wilson ave  
Baltimore, Md. NO 8-1971

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY  
KINGS POINT, NEW YORK  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

May 27, 1966

Mr. Morris A. Bealle  
Editor  
Capsule News  
1425 N Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

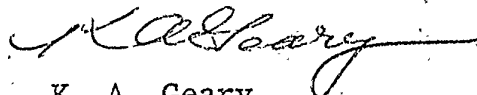
Dear Mr. Bealle:

Your letter of May 25, 1966 concerning the records of Jack Northman Anderson is acknowledged.

I have checked our personnel records and I find no one has attended this Academy by that name. I suggest you contact the Chief, Seamen Services Branch, Division of Office Services, U. S. Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration, Washington, D. C. It is possible that he may have been in the unlicensed branch of the Maritime Service during the war. In this case the above office should have records of his service and also the U. S. Coast Guard should have records of his service.

If I can be of further assistance please write me.

Sincerely,



K. A. Geary  
Lcdr., USMS  
Registrar and Educational  
Services Officer

## stly Different

ians should prove that a man who comes from the humblest origin has equal political opportunity in this country. That's fine. But a man of wealth who wants to serve his country should have a chance, too.

"And there's one thing about a man with money who holds public office," said the heir to the Reynolds Tobacco millions. "If anyone offered me \$50,000 I'd throw it in his face."

I pointed out that electing men of wealth was not the way to avoid testimonial dinners and big campaign funds, because, for one thing, there weren't enough wealthy men to run. But I did agree that they should be encouraged to participate in government, not penalized, and that there should be more men like Nelson Rockefeller, who has dedicated his entire life to government though at times he doesn't get much thanks from New York State Republicans.

Young Bagley is going to settle down in North Carolina in some kind of governmental work to show that he means business and prove that men of wealth can be just as dedicated as the son of an immigrant in serving his state and country.

### Capital News Capsules

Communists Censor Communists — Rumanian officials censored some anti-Chinese remarks which President Tito of Yugoslavia made during his

visit to Rumania. Tito told the Rumanians privately that he didn't mind being censored as long as they accorded Premier Chou En-lai of Red China the same treatment. Later, when Chou arrived with a militant speech attacking Communist revisionists — meaning Tito and the Russians — the Rumanians were true to their word. They wouldn't let Chou deliver it. Chou was furious and left Rumania in a rage.

### Spending in Reagan Land—

No one is more outspoken against Federal spending than California's right-wing millionaires, including many movie stars from Ronald Reagan Land. When Beverly Hills needed \$900,000 to beautify the city, however, its millionaire residents offered no help. So the city, believe it or not, has appealed to the Federal Government for close to a million.

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Drew Pearson will predict where the United States will bomb next in Southeast Asia, over WTOP radio tonight at 6:40.

### De Gaulle Trip Set

PARIS, July 15 (AP)—President de Gaulle's round-the-world trip has been set officially for Aug. 25-Sept. 30, a spokesman announced. It will take him to Djibouti, capital of French Somaliland, Ethiopia, Cambodia, New Caledonia, Tahiti and Guadeloupe.



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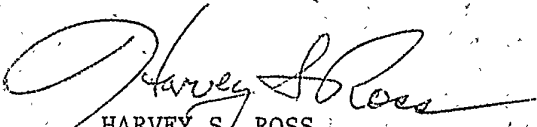
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208 Clarendon Office Bldg.  
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Attn: Mr. Morris A. Bealle, Editor

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 6, Jack Northman Anderson was registered with Local Board No. 15 on July 1, 1942, under the old Selective Service law. His classification was 1C.

Mr. Anderson would be eligible for a 5A classification under the present Selective Service Act of 1940. 5A is over the age of liability for military service.

For the State Director

  
HARVEY S. ROSS  
Major, QMC

1C - In Armed Forces



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

1724 F STREET NW.  
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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

September 21, 1966

Mr. Morris A. Bealle  
Editor  
Capsule News  
1425 N Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Bealle:

This is in reply to your inquiry of September 15, 1966 concerning the definition of Class I-C:

Selective Service Classification I-C is given to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Coast and Geodetic Survey or the Public Health Service.

If additional information from this Headquarters is required, please advise accordingly.

For The Director,

WILLIAM S. PASCOE  
Captain, USN  
Public Information Officer

Enclosure

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## SELECTIVE SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

### CLASS I

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Class I-C: Member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, or the Public Health Service.  
Class I-D: Qualified member of reserve component, or student taking military training, including ROTC and accepted aviation cadet applicant.  
Class I-O: Conscientious objector available for civilian work contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest.  
Class I-S: Student deferred by law until graduation from high school or attainment of age of 20, or until end of his academic year at a college or university.  
Class I-W: Conscientious objector performing civilian work contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest, or who has completed such work.  
Class I-Y: Registrant qualified for military service only in time of war or national emergency.

### CLASS II

- Class II-A: Occupational deferment (other than agricultural and student).  
Class II-C: Agricultural deferment.  
Class II-S: Student deferment.

### CLASS III

- Class III-A: Extreme hardship deferment, or registrant with a child or children.

### CLASS IV

- Class IV-A: Registrant with sufficient prior active service or who is a sole surviving son.  
Class IV-B: Official deferred by law.  
Class IV-C: Alien not currently liable for military service.  
Class IV-D: Minister of religion or divinity student.  
Class IV-F: Registrant not qualified for any military service.

### CLASS V

- Class V-A: Registrant over the age of liability for military service.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

A registrant who was deferred on or before his 26th birthday should ascertain from his local board if his liability has been extended to his 28th or 35th birthday. (See other side)

August 29 1965



ORDER OF SELECTION IN CLASS I-A OR  
I-A-O

1. Delinquents—Age 19 and older, with oldest selected first.
2. Volunteers—Age 17-25 in sequence in which they volunteer for induction.
3. Nonvolunteers—Age 19-25, single or married after August 26, 1965, with the oldest selected first.
4. Nonvolunteers—Age 19-25, married on or before August 26, 1965, with the oldest selected first.
5. Nonvolunteers—Age 26 and older, with the youngest selected first.
6. Nonvolunteers—Age 18½ to 19, with the oldest selected first.

Corso vs. Pearson and Anderson  
Filed Feb. 25, 1966

Anderson deposition taken April 21; filed June 22d.  
Anderson held up its filing two months by refusing  
to either sign it or waive signature.

T 50 app. 311.

Evasion  
Improper classification  
Conspiracy to violate  
False registration  
Registration (evasion as an offense)

150-453, 18-26 must register  
462 any person who (1) knowingly violates or evades  
any provision of the title or rules & reg promulgated pursuant,  
shall be fined not more than \$10 / & imprisoned for not  
more than 5 years

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# *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

47 E. SOUTH TEMPLE ST. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

June 13, 1966

Mr. Morris A. Bealle, Editor  
Capsule News  
1425 N. Street NW  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Bealle:

Reference is made to your letter of June 8, 1966 relative to information on Jack Northman Anderson. We quote the second paragraph of your letter:

"However, here is a matter of Church organization I would like to clear up. Please tell me if he was an ordained minister and how he could attain this status at 19 years of age and without seminary training."

In answer to your question we are taking the liberty of enclosing answers to a questionnaire that we received from an inquiry a few weeks ago. We hope this will explain the matter to your satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

By

*Rulon J. Sperry*  
Rulon J. Sperry

RJS:rl

Enclosures

... judgment is made of your questionnaire of a survey of educational standards in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Question 1. Amount of education required for initial classification of ministers (Blessing, lay ministers, etc)?

In the first place, this church does not have ministers in the sense that they are understood by other Christian Churches. There are no specified educational requirements for any ministerial position in this church except for teachers of Institutes and Seminaries. (Referred to below). All worthy male members of the Church are ordained to the priesthood at age 12. There are six grades or degrees in the priesthood. These degrees from the lowest rank are Deacon, Teacher, Priest, Elder, Seventy, High Priest. All functions including ordinances, rites, presiding and conducting of meetings, teaching etc, are performed by these bearers of the priesthood under proper direction. A Priest or higher office holder has the authority to baptize and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper. An elder or one holding a higher office has the authority to confirm a member in the church and confer the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 8).

Question 2. Amount of education required for ordination of ministers? College, Seminary.

There are no particular educational requirements for male members of the Church to be ordained in the priesthood. Illiteracy is ~~practically~~ non-existent in this church. A high percentage of the members have had at least a high school education. A very high percentage comparatively speaking attend college. We do not have any special colleges to prepare for the ministry in the sense that they exist in other Christian churches. The Church operates a University and several junior colleges for regular education.

Question 3. Changes in educational requirements for ministers in the past 10 years?

There have been no changes in educational requirements for those who serve in the church during the past 10 years. The same system has been in effect since the church was organized in 1830. There are doctors, lawyers, school teachers, in fact all the professions and trades are represented among the bishops who preside over the smallest district in the Church and in all other organizations such as Sunday Schools, leaders in Priesthood quorums, instructors etc.

Question 4. Anticipated changes in the next 10 years?

There will most likely be no change in the system in the next 10 years or ever.

Question 5. Number of students now in preparation for the ministry?

All the male members of the church are potential <sup>candidates</sup> ~~candidates~~ for the ministry. They are taught in the various church organizations from childhood and when they reach maturity they are ready for a call to one of the various positions in the church.

Question 6. Number of seminaries preparing students for the ministry?

As stated, this church does not have seminaries in the sense that they are used in other Christian denominations. There are, however, 55 what are known as Institutes which operate in connection with Universities and 179 Seminaries that operate in connection with High Schools. Most of them are in the Western part of the United States. Religion is taught to students who are members of the Church and others who are interested in attending on a released time basis but these Institutes and Seminaries are not expressly for the purpose of training persons for the ministry. They are attended by both male and female and are chiefly for building faith and testimony and increasing knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This training along with instruction in other church organization meetings is helpful particularly for missionaries who are called at age 19 to go to various mission fields in the world for 2 to 2 1/2 years. At the present time there are more than 12,000 of these missionaries in 73 missions. These missionaries go at their own expense or are supported by their parents and other relatives. They are not subsidized by the church except their transportation home when they receive an honorable release.

Question 7. Current opportunities available to ministerial students, ie (no. of students entering service compared to no. of positions to be filled)?

There is no limit to positions to be filled in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Every male member is a potential Missionary, Bishop, Sunday School Superintendent, Seminary Teacher, Sunday School teacher, Priesthood Quorum President, or instructor etc. There is no paid clergy in this Church. These positions referred to are on a part time basis. Those who serve earn their own living in the various professions and trades. Only those few who serve full time are given an allowance.



BOND

Jack Tennant (US Maritime Admn)

The CAPE ELIZABETH was never used by the Merchant Marine  
(or any other) Academy, at any time.

June 1943 to June 1947 it was under control of a "General Agent", meaning a shipping company designated by the military to handle berthing, loading, etc. under direction of the military. It handled military supplies and (possibly) transportation of troops exclusively.

Col. Crowley (Selective Service Board 343-3057)

All ministers of the gospel (ordained) had to register  
but were exempt from the draft.

(Dec 20 1941) 20-45

(Nov 13 1942) 18-45

22-57-101



JENCK LOUSE  
Foreword

Jack Ananias Anderson is proud of his reputation as an unconscionable liar and an undesirable citizen. In his memoirs (WASHINGTON EXPOSE) he tells of a letter addressed to him, of all the 14,000 other "Jack Andersons" listed by the Census Bureau, which was promptly and "unerringly" delivered to him at 1612 K Street, NW, Washington;

Jack Anderson, Liar, Louse, Ringtailed Rat and Yellow Bellied Skunk.
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By the same token, if someone in, say Kalamazoo or Walla Walla, addressed another letter to

The Biggest Liar Since Ananias, The All America Louse, The Rattlesnake of the 14th Estate, The Mad Dog of American Journalism, The Polecat of the Press Galleries, The Wife Stealer and the Girl Cadet, Old Doc So-and-so's Flower Child,
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It would have been unerringly delivered by the efficient Post Office Department to Drew Pearson, 1313 - 29th Street NW, Georgetown, DC. For Anderson says in the memoirs, "Drew Pearson taught me all I know about investigating, reporting and writing and to prove it by divulging, on page 436 of his memoirs, the blueprint of the US military defenses."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Shroder

DATE: September 2, 1970

FROM : J. D. Huppert

1 - Mr. Shroder

1 - Mr. Huppert

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (PHONETIC);  
[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);  
IMPERSONATION

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Former Inspector Lee Pennington, retired, contacted the Bureau on 8-28-70, advising that [REDACTED] and two male individuals visited his residence the night of 8-27-70. One gave his name as [REDACTED] from Iowa, a graduate of Iowa State Pre-Law School. They said they worked for a Task Force in the Department of Justice but Mr. Pennington said this did not sound right to him. A check was made with appropriate sources in the Department of Justice with negative results concerning [REDACTED]

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Special Agent [REDACTED] Silver Spring, Maryland, Resident Agency, located and interviewed [REDACTED] age B, APPROX. 1950 approximately [REDACTED]. She advised she met [REDACTED] for the first time in a laundromat in Kensington, [REDACTED] on 8-26-70. She struck up a conversation with him and [REDACTED] asked her for a date. [REDACTED] accepted and they went out with another couple on the night of 8-27-70. The other girl in the group was Linda (Last Name Unknown) who is supposed to know the identities of both of these males. Linda's date's name was given by [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] (phonetic). [REDACTED] is presently in Maine on a two-week vacation.

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[REDACTED] advised that the automobile utilized by [REDACTED] which was parked outside the laundromat on 8-26-70, was a green Rambler station wagon bearing the inscription on the side "U.S. Government Intra-Agency Motor Pool." She said the license tag was a U.S. Government tag, the number being G 1122. [REDACTED] could not furnish any specific information as to the alleged employment of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] except to say they indicated they were doing "some kind of confidential work."

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Memorandum to Mr. Shroder

RE: [REDACTED] (PHONETIC);

On 9-1-70, Supervisor [REDACTED] Washington Field Office, had the above tag number checked out. He said it was not a good number but the incorrect number furnished by [REDACTED] did indicate it was assigned to a U. S. Government vehicle.

ACTION: Above furnished for information. No further investigation being conducted to further identify subjects or their employment. It appears quite possible that statements made by subjects have been misinterpreted by [REDACTED] and it is not felt that further investigation is warranted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/12/70

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS  
Attempts of Los Angeles Times  
to embarrass FBI personnel

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✓ DeLoach  
✓ Mohr  
✓ Casper  
✓ Callahan  
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✓ Holmer  
✓ Gandy

I received a call at approximately 5 p.m., 3/12/70, from [ ] who is a personal friend of mine at American Legion Headquarters, Washington, D.C. [ ] told me that the Los Angeles Times had made a long distance call from its Washington bureau to [ ] Bismarck, North Dakota, in an attempt to dig up what [ ] termed "garbage" in an effort to embarrass me personally. [ ] stated he thought [ ] had handled the matter properly; however, he thought he should let me know about the situation right away so that I could get in touch with [ ] if believed necessary.

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I talked to [ ] who is a former National Adjutant of the American Legion. [ ] told me that at approximately 3 p.m. today he received a call from one [ ] of the Washington, D.C. bureau of the Los Angeles Times. [ ] according to [ ] told him he understood I had great influence in the American Legion and that I had been responsible for kicking [ ] out of his job as National Adjutant. [ ] denied this and stated it was not true. (As a member of the National Commander's Advisory Committee, I was one of thirteen individuals who voted to replace Schmidt with the current Adjutant, [ ] inasmuch as [ ] is a more efficient individual and [ ] was not doing a good job.)

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[ ] the Los Angeles Times representative, next told [ ] he understood that, while [ ] was National Adjutant, I had incurred a bill of approximately \$900, as a result of a trip overseas, and had later refused to pay this bill. [ ] told [ ] that his facts were incorrect, inasmuch as he recalled this matter and I had completely paid this bill.

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Mr. Tolson

The truth of the matter is that the Director approved my taking a trip with National Commander Eldon James, a prominent lawyer from Hampton, Virginia, in May of 1966. In my memorandum to the Director requesting approval for this trip, I pointed out that the Legion would pay my expenses, inasmuch as I was serving as National Chairman of Public Relations during the trip; however, I would personally pay my wife's expenses out of my own pocket.

The bill for my wife's expenses amounted to approximately \$933. The Legion had approved my paying this bill off in small amounts each month. I faithfully paid every month on this bill until approximately \$300 was left, at which time the entire balance was paid in full. I have cancelled checks in my possession to prove complete payment of this bill. There was never any dissension whatsoever or failure to promptly pay a monthly installment.

I asked [ ] if the Los Angeles Times reporter had asked him any additional questions. He replied in the negative but stated he had been led to believe that the Los Angeles Times was carrying on a series of articles about the Director and the men around him.

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[ ] then volunteered that he had received a call in December, 1968, from an individual who asked him the same questions. He stated this individual had posed as a newspaper reporter and had given him the name of [ ] told [ ] at the time that he had gotten [ ] name from a former Special Agent of the FBI whose name was Lee R. Pennington. [ ] stated he knew Pennington well and that Pennington had volunteered considerable information to him.

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On the occasion of the call today, 3/12/70, Nelson (the Los Angeles Times reporter) advised [ ] he had talked with two former Bureau employees (presumably [ ] and Pennington) and had also talked with a third former employee who disliked me because I had kept him from advancing and had been tough on him in the FBI.

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This memorandum is written strictly for record purposes, inasmuch as it appears the Los Angeles Times, through the actions

Mr. Tolson

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of Ed Guthman, Bobby Kennedy's former press agent, who is now National Editor of the Los Angeles Times, is definitely continuing its vendetta and campaign of harassment and slander not only against the Director, but also any of the Director's assistants it can attack.

**ACTION -**

As indicated above.

They are just jackals.

Remove Pennington  
from all mailing lists.

NOT ON ANY MAILING LIST  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/17/70

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTS OF LOS ANGELES TIMES  
TO EMBARRASS FBI PERSONNEL

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Reference is made to my memorandum of 3/12/70 reflecting that the Los Angeles Times (Reporter Jack Nelson, who wrote the highly biased and distorted series regarding the FBI's investigation of a Klan case in Mississippi) had called Bismarck, North Dakota to question a former American Legion official relative to what he alleged was my failure to pay a \$930.70 obligation owed the Legion in 1966.

The allegation, as usual, was false, as indicated in referenced memorandum. This false allegation was apparently turned over to the Los Angeles Times by former Agent [redacted] (dismissed with prejudice), who in turn had received the information from Lee Pennington. On the 3/12/70 memorandum the Director noted, "Remove Pennington from all mailing lists."

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For record purposes, there is attached a signed affidavit executed by the Assistant Executive Director and the Fiscal Supervisor, American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, certifying that this bill was paid in full. I possess the cancelled checks to back up this affidavit.

**ACTION:**

That this memorandum and its attachment be made a part of Bureau files.

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# The American Legion

★ NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ★ P. O. BOX 1055 ★ INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206 ★



For God and Country

March 13, 1970

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. C. D. DeLoach was billed June 15, 1966 for Mrs. DeLoach's travel to Europe in the amount of \$930.70. He paid this in installments as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>1966</u>	
Aug. 5	\$ 30.70
19	50.00
29	25.00
Sept. 15	30.00
27	20.00
Nov. 8	30.00
Dec. 1	20.00
<u>1967</u>	
Jan. 6	25.00
Feb. 6	20.00
13	50.00
Mar. 6	20.00
Apr. 10	20.00
May 8	20.00
June 8	20.00
July 14	15.00
Aug. 7	20.00
28	30.00
Sept. 12	20.00
Oct. 12	20.00
Nov. 13	300.00
Dec. 15	20.00
" 27	125.00
	<u>\$ 930.70</u>

I hereby certify that the above was taken from the records of the Finance Division of The American Legion, at National Headquarters, 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

ATTEST:

Hollis C. Hull

HOLLIS C. HULL

Assistant Executive Director

James E. Smith

JAMES E. SMITH

Fiscal Supervisor



February 16, 1970

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Mr. Wilfred G. Epes, Jr.  
Post Office Box 550  
Blackstone, Virginia 23824

N.C.  
N.Y.  
D.C.

Dear Mr. Epes:

W.G.

I have received your letter of February 6th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to contact me as well as furnish your suggestion regarding the television series, "The FBI." Your generous remarks about the personnel of this Bureau with whom you have been associated are gratifying to all of us.

Although it has been determined the case in Durham, North Carolina, to which you refer did not involve any violation within our jurisdiction, I can assure you such matters involving a violation of a Federal law are vigorously investigated by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Records of Director's Office and Bufiles contain no record of correspondent having formally met Director. The case he refers to in 1934 involved an interstate shipment of cigarettes and smoking tobacco valued in excess of \$17,000 which was hijacked. The Agents he refers to are former SA Lee R. Pennington who EOD 5/6/29 and retired 11/30/53; Clinton W. Stein who EOD 4/6/31 and retired 1/31/55 and very likely Leon Levin who EOD 3/21/32 and resigned 4/28/45. The current case he mentioned was not identifiable in our files and Charlotte Office was telephonically contacted on 2/13/70. It advised the matter referred to

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Handwritten signatures and initials.

Mr. Wilfred G. Epes, Jr.

NOTE CONTINUED: by Epes involved a proposed theft of a trailer load of cigarettes at the Epes Transport System in Durham, North Carolina. An Epes employee named Jones approached a fellow employee to set up the theft. The fellow employee took no action to do so and when he saw Jones and three others drive into the company lot, he notified his employer of the approach and police were also notified. Four Negro males were charged by police with "soliciting to commit a felony." No cigarettes were stolen and no attempt was actually made to steal them. We were first notified when names of subjects and the guns and money in their possession were checked through National Crime Information Center. No other Federal assistance was required.

# EPES TRANSPORT SYSTEM

INCORPORATED  
POST OFFICE BOX 4038

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23224

A. B. HALL  
PRESIDENT

February 6, 1970

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Soyars  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Please reply to:  
P. O. Box 550  
Blackstone, Va. 23824

*ETHEFT FROM Interstate SHIPMENT*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you this personal letter because I had the pleasure of meeting you in April of 1934. That was when one of our tractor trailers loaded with cigarettes was hijacked by the Mais-Legenza gang. I, along with others of our company, worked with your agents until these men were caught. In fact, Mais and Legenza had to be captured twice after escaping the Richmond jail, and were later executed for a series of murders. Lee Pennington, Clint Stein and Agent Levin were the main agents with whom I worked, and it is possible that though unasked for, we received the major credit for getting the mob caught.

Later, I had the pleasure of talking with you on a Washington to New York train, and I remember your statement saying that the Legenza mob was just as vicious as Dillinger's.

Last Sunday morning, February 1, here in Durham, North Carolina we were instrumental in catching four negroes when they were in the act of trying to hijack another of our cigarette loaded trailers. I will not go into that, because your FBI was alerted on this case and I know that you have a full report in your Washington office.

Mr. Hoover, I know that your agency is involved in so many more important cases than this, such as National Security, Drug Smuggling and the like. However, I do hope that your agency will be able to exert a special effort on this case and similar cases. Many truck lines are being forced out of business because of hijackings like this by having their insurance cancelled.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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February 6, 1970

One thing is certain about this case, Mr. Hoover; I am unable to believe that four uneducated blacks such as these have the intelligence to engineer a plot like this. I believe that there is a Mafia-type underground behind it. The load on this trailer was worth about \$120,000.00.

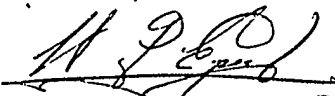
I have never met a finer, cleaner-cut group of men than the agents I have know and do know with your bureau. Many times, I have wished while in Washington, I had felt free enough to drop by and take about two minutes of your time to speak to you; but I know how busy you are.

By the way, my fingerprints are on file with your Dept. Naval Officer 275-408.

Thanks for what you have done, and I hope that this case will land the FBI a really big fish. I hope to see you soon. Best personal regards.

Most sincerely,

EPES TRANSPORT SYSTEM, INC.

  
Wilfred G. Epes, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board

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P. S. Many people, including myself, wish that you would persuade the TV network and Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. of the FBI Program, to show some of the older cases, such as the Legenza gang.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
March 1, 1971

The attached newspaper article was  
sent to Miss Gandy from Lee R.  
Pennington, 3808 Taylor Street,  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015.

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. BRENNAN, C.D. ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. DALBEY ✓  
MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. WALTERS ✓  
MR. SOYARS ✓  
MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
MISS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

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## Ex-Schenley Head Tied to Crime 'Consortium'

### Inquiry Hears Description of Prohibition-Era Bootlegging

By NICHOLAS GAGE

A Congressional investigator testified yesterday that Lewis Rosenstiel, the former chairman of Schenley Industries, was part of a "consortium" with underworld figures that bought liquor in Canada during Prohibition and sold it illegally in the United States.

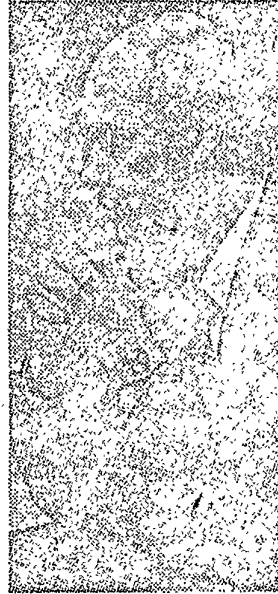
The witness, James P. Kelly, chief investigator for the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, said the consortium bought the liquor from Samuel Brontman, the founder of Seagram Distillers.

Mr. Kelly, who appeared as a witness before the State Joint Legislative Committee on Crime, said the other men in the consortium were Meyer Lansky, the reputed organized crime leader; Joseph Fusco, an associate of Al Capone, the late Chicago gangster, and Joseph Linsey, a Boston man Mr. Kelly identified as a convicted bootlegger.

The hearing, conducted at 14 Vesey Street, was part of an investigation by the state committee into organized crime and its impact on legitimate business and the courts.

Mr. Kelly said in his testimony that the liquor that was smuggled from Canada by the consortium was sold throughout the United States. Linsey handled distribution in New England and Fusco concentrated on the Chicago area, he said.

After Prohibition, Mr. Rosenstiel developed Schenley Industries into one of the major distilleries in the country, Mr. Kelly said, and Linsey and Fusco set up companies in Bos-



The New York Times

James P. Kelly at the legislative hearing here.

ton and Chicago, respectively, to distribute Schenley products.

Schenley was sold to, the Glen Alden Corporation in 1968, and Mr. Rosenstiel retired as its chairman.

Mr. Kelly said that Mr. Rosenstiel still maintained close relationships with the members of the consortium, particularly Linsey.

Linsey could not be reached for comment, but in a statement issued from his home in Miami, Mr. Rosenstiel denied all of Mr. Kelly's charges. "They are utterly ridiculous, absolutely false and completely without foundation," he said.

An investigator for the Joint Legislative Committee on Crime said that in future hearings the committee, whose chairman is Senator John H. Hughes, Republican of Syra-

### Rosenstiel Says the Charges Are 'Utterly Ridiculous'

cuse, would establish clear links between Mr. Rosenstiel and underworld figures, particularly Lansky, who now is living in Israel.

Linsey, he said, has extensive business interests in Boston and has contributed considerable sums of money to Brandeis University, where a sports center is named after him.

Linsey's associates in the underworld hierarchy, Mr. Kelly said, include Raymond Patriarca, the reputed boss of the Mafia in New England, who is now serving a jail term for conspiracy to murder, and Lansky.

Mr. Kelly said that Mr. Rosenstiel also had important contacts in the underworld and was reported to be particularly close to Lansky.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Dalbey	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Lee R. Pennington

3808 Taylor Street  
Chevy Chase, Md. 20917  
April 16, 1971

*Asst. Dir.  
J. Edgar Hoover*

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Muskie:

Prior to your appearance on the "Today" program April 15th, I had always looked upon you as a high minded gentleman. I was shocked and disgusted when you got down into the gutter reminiscent of the Joe Mc Carthy era, and without one scintilla of evidence embarked on a smear of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

I have been a Democrat for a period of over fifty years and the innuenda campaign conducted by you and other key Democrats has me in the position of about to change my party affiliation and influence friends to do the same.

Your unsubstantiated charges are particularly reprehensible inasmuch as it ill behooves a member of the legal profession, trained in the law, to make a devious issue of charges he is unable to prove.

You know as well as I that a large percentage of those participating in these protests are gullible dupes. However, in the background, ready to create riots, are many of those responsible for the Chicago debacle during the Democratic National Convention, who will lose no opportunity to create

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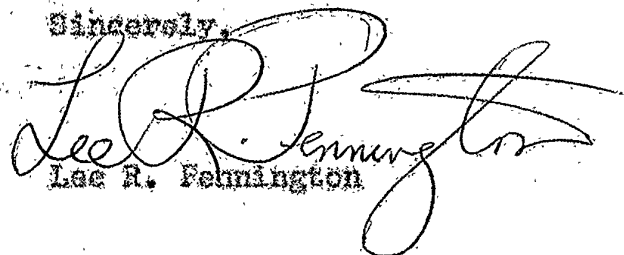
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situations bordering on sedition.

The FBI would be derelict in its duties were it not prepared to be in a position to warn those charged with law and order.

Frankly, Mr. Muskie, in conversation with a number of friends the general consensus of opinion was that you are doing yourself a political disservice, distorting facts for the deliberate purpose of developing free publicity.

Sincerely,

  
Lee R. Pennington

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to have furnished information  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

FROM : Mr. McDermott

SUBJECT: LEE R. PENNINGTON  
RETIRE INSPECTOR  
DEATH MATTER

DATE: 9/17/74

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
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Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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[redacted] granddaughter of captioned individual, contacted the Bureau and advised that her grandfather had died early this afternoon. She indicated that no thought had been given to funeral arrangements as yet; however these arrangements would be made and details would probably be available on the morning of Wednesday, 9/18/74.

SA Pennington entered on duty with the Bureau on May 6, 1929, and retired on November 30, 1953.

## RECOMMENDATION

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That the Correspondence and Tours Section prepare an appropriate letter to Pennington's widow.

- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Decker
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Jacobson
- 1 - Mr. Jamieson
- 1 - Mr. Marshall
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Thompson
- 1 - Mr. Walsh
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. White
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

*Address of Mrs. Pennington  
& funeral arrangements obtained.  
in later call to [redacted]  
To be subject of further memo.  
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*Let to Mrs Pennington  
9/18/74  
JCW: mmc*

LEO & INV.  
Mailing List  
Delete  
Change Noted  
9-18-74

*W. M. Keefe*  
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*[Signature]*

ALL FBI INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 09-10-2010 BY 60322/UC/LRP/PLJ/bls

1-Mr. Nuzum  
1- Mr. Long  
1- Mr. Gebhardt

May 13, 1974

REC-85 139-4089-2752 BY COURIER SERVICE

JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., ET AL.  
BURGLARY OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, JUNE 17, 1972  
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

*Lee R. Pennington*

Enclosed are two copies of an article appearing in the May 7, 1974, issue of "The Washington Post," captioned "CIA Switched Agents' Files on FBI," which was written by columnist Jack Anderson. That article incorrectly states "The agents had discovered from the grand jury testimony that Mrs. James McCord, wife of the Waterbugger, had burned some of her husband's papers after he was arrested inside the Watergate on June 17, 1972."

Referral/Consult

As a matter of fact, about August 18, 1972, the Washington Field Office of this Bureau received information from one of the Assistant U. S. Attorneys handling the Federal grand jury inquiry into the Watergate incident that

Referral/Consult

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cation and interview of this individual was desired. The thrust of our investigation in this regard was to develop information concerning the electronic bugging equipment McCord reportedly had but the location of which we had been unable to develop any positive information. Our Washington Field Office requested the Alexandria, Virginia, FBI Office,

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was located and interviewed on August 28, 1972, at Palmetto, Florida,

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BY COURIER SVQ.  
MAY 14 P.M.  
FBI

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
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JAMES WALTER McCORD, JR., ET AL.

Referral/Consult

Our Washington Field Office passed on to the Assistant U. S. Attorney that [redacted] Referral/Consult [redacted] had no worthwhile information, at which time it was learned the Pennington in question may be a retired FBI Agent. It was then learned that Lee R. Pennington (retired 1953) might be that individual. He was interviewed September 1, 1972, at which time he advised as follows:

Lee R. Pennington has been acquainted with McCord since the mid-1950's and since the Watergate incident on June 17, 1972, Pennington has met with McCord about six times. One or two days after McCord's arrest, Pennington brought dinner to the McCord family at their residence. Pennington told us McCord had furnished him no information concerning the Watergate matter. He stated he had absolutely no information about any electronic equipment at McCord's home and had not seen any. He made no mention of having seen Mrs. McCord burn any papers or that he participated in such burning. The FBI did not recheck [redacted] as there was no reason at that time to do so. Referral/Consult

It is interesting to note that about May 1, 1974, the FBI learned from U. S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert [redacted] Referral/Consult

[redacted] No investigation concerning Pennington or the alleged burning incident has been requested by the Special Prosecution Force and therefore, none has been conducted.

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NOTE: The 5/7/74 memo Long to Gebhardt (attached) states in the last paragraph that [redacted]

Referral/Consult

Original and one forwarded to SPF by O-14 this date with encs; one cc to WFO for information by O-7 this date with enc.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt *GE*

FROM : R. E. Long *REL*

SUBJECT: JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., ET AL.  
BURGLARY OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS 6/17/72  
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

DATE: 5/7/74

1- Mr. Gebhardt  
1- Mr. Long  
1- Mr. Nuzum

The Jack Anderson column appearing in the 5/7/74 issue of "The Washington Post" (copy attached), is captioned "CIA Switched Agents' Files on FBI." That article incorrectly states "The agents had discovered from the grand jury testimony that Mrs. James McCord, wife of the Waterbugger, had burned some of her husband's papers after he was arrested inside the Watergate on June 17, 1972. According to the testimony, [redacted]"

Referral/Consult

As a matter of fact, about 8/18/72, WFO received information from one of the AUSAs handling the Federal grand jury inquiry into the Watergate incident that an individual named [redacted]

Referral/Consult

[redacted] Identification and interview of this individual was desired. The thrust of our request in this regard was to develop information concerning the electronic bugging equipment McCord reportedly had but the location of which we had been unable to develop any positive information. WFO requested our Alexandria Office, [redacted]

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By teletype dated 8/21/72, Alexandria advised [redacted]

Referral/Consult

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[redacted] was located and interviewed on 8/28/72 at Palmetto, Florida, [redacted]

Referral/Consult

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Long to Gebhardt  
RE: JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., ET AL.

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WFO passed on to the AUSA that [redacted] at which time it was learned the Pennington in question may be a retired FBI Agent. It was recalled by the supervisors of the Accounting and Fraud Section that Lee R. Pennington (retired 1953) might be that individual [redacted]

He was interviewed 9/1/72 at which time he advised as follows:

Lee R. Pennington has been acquainted with McCord since the mid-1950's and since the Watergate incident on 6/17/72, Pennington met with McCord about six times. One or two days after McCord's arrest, Pennington brought dinner to the McCord family at their residence. Pennington told us McCord had furnished him no information concerning the Watergate matter. He stated he had absolutely no information about any electronic equipment at McCord's home and had not seen any. He made no mention of having seen Mrs. McCord burn any papers or that he participated in such burning. [redacted]

Referral/Consult

It is interesting to note that about 5/1/74 case Agent Angelo J. Lano, WFO, learned from USA Earl T. Silbert [redacted]

Referral/Consult

\* [redacted] No investigation concerning Pennington or the alleged burning incident has been requested by the Special Prosecution Force.

ACTION. This is for information.

Referral/Consult

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Gebhardt I agree we should send memo to SPO advising him of info in this memo including 5/1/74 Silbert info

agreed

"THE WASHINGTON POST"  
MAY 7, 1974

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## CIA Switched Agents' Files on FBI

By Jack Anderson

The Central Intelligence Agency switched files on the FBI, we have now learned, in a deliberate attempt to mislead the G-men who were investigating the Watergate break-in.

The agents had discovered from the grand jury testimony that Mrs. James McCord, wife of the Waterbugger, had burned some of her husband's papers after he was arrested inside the Watergate on June 17, 1972.

According to the testimony, someone named Pennington, who had served with McCord in the CIA, had been present at the burning.

This led to a routine FBI request for a CIA file on Pennington, which threw CIA officials into a panic. For Lee Pennington, a CIA consultant, not only had been present but had participated in the burning. A faithful CIA man, he had reported the incident to his superiors.

Pennington later testified that he had driven to the McCord home—as a friend of the family, not as a CIA informant—after the Watergate arrest. Pennington found Mrs. McCord burning papers and joined in, although he insisted that nothing sensitive had been fed to the flames.

The last thing the CIA wanted was to be linked to the Watergate incident. So the CIA sent the FBI a file on Cecil Pennington instead of Lee Pennington. By a coincidence, Cecil Pennington once had also been as-

sociated with McCord in the CIA.

Our sources say it was no accident that the CIA furnished the FBI with the wrong file. They claim it was deliberate obstruction of justice.

For the FBI quickly recognized that Cecil Pennington had nothing whatsoever to do with Watergate. Still suspicious, the agents asked once more for clarification. But again, say our sources, the CIA dodged.

**Investigation Squelched**—Distinguished old Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.), the Pentagon's foremost Senate champion, intervened to kill an investigation of Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements. Sources privy to the incident say Clements privately asked Stennis to intervene.

Clements had come under fire from the Senate Commerce Committee for a possible conflict of interest. Although he owns stock valued at \$100 million in Sedco, a Dallas drilling firm, he has presided at the Pentagon over policymaking decisions with regard to the Alaskan Naval Petroleum Reserve.

His company is a bidder on the pipeline that would be the likely outlet for oil should the rich Alaskan reserve be opened. Clements has urged that it be thrown open to commercial development.

Stennis asked Senate Commerce Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) to halt the investigation of Clements, claiming jurisdiction for his own Senate Armed Services

Committee. Out of Senate courtesy, Magnuson called off the investigation and turned it over to Stennis.

Stennis' office acknowledged that the old man had asked Magnuson to give up the Clements case. After speaking with Stennis, however, a spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny that the senator had intervened at Clements' request. "He talks with Clements all the time," said the spokesman.

After our inquiries, Stennis hastily put out a statement claiming that he had investigated the alleged Clements conflict and had found Clements innocent. Stennis noted that Clements had removed himself from any decision-making regarding the oil reserves.

In an earlier column, however, we printed memos that showed Clements still involved in oil decisions after he supposedly had removed himself.

**Footnote:** Meanwhile, confidential Treasury Department documents reveal that the President's Cabinet-level Emergency Energy Action Group wants to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge "to commercial oil development."

This refuge, which happens to be located next to the oil-rich Alaskan Naval Petroleum Reserve, shelters some of the world's rarest animals on one of the last truly wild frontiers.

The energy group's recommendation, presented in a memo meant for the eyes only of Treasury Secretary William E.

Simon and energy chief John Sawhill, illustrates the administration's determination to override any environmental concern that stands in the way of energy production.

A battle is now raging in Congress over the issue, with Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III (D-Ill.) and Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.) leading the fight to protect the public interest on Alaska's lucrative North Slope.

**Washington Whirl**—The acquittal of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans caused rumblings inside the special prosecutor's office. Although this wasn't their case, staffers there are concerned about the psychological effect it will have on future Watergate cases. They are particularly nervous over the case against those who burglarized the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, which is being tried as a civil-rights case rather than a burglary. Some of the Watergate lawyers fear that this is stretching a legal point.

The American Electric Power System, which once urged takeovers of consumer-owned companies through subversion of city councils, is on the brink of gobbling up Fort Wayne's municipal utility. There, the giant firm has promised glistening downtown buildings as a carrot to city voters. Actually, the lease deal probably will mean hikes in the Indiana city's low rates, particularly for low-income elderly people and blacks.

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September 2, 1972  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
Summary

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Attached is summary of current developments concerning burglary of Democratic National Headquarters.

(1) [redacted] Committee to Re-elect the President, stated 9/1/72, [redacted] former secretary to [redacted], had told her that she [redacted] would commit perjury before the grand jury in order to protect [redacted] as they were close personal friends.

(2) [redacted] stated she was contacted 8/27/72, by individual identifying himself as [redacted] (phonetic), reporter for Newsday, a Long Island, New York, newspaper. [redacted] indicated he had learned [redacted] had told [redacted] that [redacted] had perjured herself before the grand jury. [redacted] declined comment to [redacted].

(3) [redacted] stated [redacted] had lunch with [redacted] and [redacted] Washington Post columnists, on 8/30/72. [redacted] was of opinion [redacted] was source of information in [redacted] and [redacted] Column which appeared in Washington Post on 8/31/72.

(4) Assistant U. S. Attorney Silbert has requested Bureau make appropriate examination of his office and grand jury room for presence of electronic surveillance equipment. Silbert concerned over leaks to press of investigation. Arrangements have been made for this by Bureau.

(5) Lee R. Pennington, Jr.\* interviewed 9/1/72, and stated he and McCord are social acquaintances. McCord has furnished no information to Pennington concerning Watergate incident. He knew of no electronic equipment or luggage in van or McCord's residence and was not asked to unload anything from van.

Investigation continuing.

\*(former Bureau Agent retired 1953)

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Also Known As

JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., AKA, ET AL; BURGLARY,

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC,  
Interception of Communications

JUNE SEVENTEEN SEVENTY TWO. 106:00:WFO.

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Reference Teletype

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST THIRTY ONE LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION;

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT,  
[REDACTED] COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT THE PRESIDENT,  
Washington, D.C., Bureau  
WFO, FURNISHED INFORMATION TO AGENTS ON JULY EIGHTEEN LAST  
TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED]

FORMER SECRETARY AT THE COMMITTEE, HAD STATED TO HER THAT  
SHE, [REDACTED] WOULD PERJURE HERSELF BEFORE THE GRAND JURY  
IN ORDER TO PROTECT [REDACTED] AS THEY WERE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS.

ON AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN LAST, [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED  
AT HER RESIDENCE BY INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS  
(Phonetic)  
QUOTE [REDACTED] (PH) END QUOTE, REPORTER FOR NEWSDAY, A  
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] STATED IMMEDIATELY

TO [REDACTED] THAT SHE HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE CONCERNING CAPTIONED  
MATTER. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] MIGHT DESIRE  
TO SPEAK WITH HIM AFTER HE HAD TOLD HER WHAT HE HAD LEARNED  
FROM HIS QUOTE SOURCES END QUOTE.

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[ ] INDICATED THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT [ ]  
[ ] HAD TOLD [ ] THAT [ ] HAD PERJURED  
HERSELF BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE  
UNDERSTOOD [ ] WOULD BE A GOVERNMENT WITNESS AT TIME OF  
TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED INCIDENT. [ ]  
AGAIN DECLINED COMMENT.

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[ ] NOTED THAT [ ] HAD NOT STATED THAT SHE  
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[ ] REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION BE  
MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIAL.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney

AUSA EARL SILBERT HAS REQUESTED THAT BUREAU MAKE  
APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION OF HIS OFFICE IN US DISTRICT COURT  
AND GRAND JURY ROOM UTILIZED BY JURY INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED  
INCIDENT FOR PRESENCE OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT.  
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SILBERT IS OF OPINION SEARCH NECESSITATED BY FREQUENT  
PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION BY MEDIA ALLEGEDLY LEAKED TO  
PRESS BY QUOTE SOURCE CLOSE TO INVESTIGATION END QUOTE.  
REQUEST TELEPHONICALLY CONVEYED TO BUREAU INSTANT AND  
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SWEEP OF APPROPRIATE AREAS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER FIVE NEXT, BY <sup>Laboratory</sup> LAB PERSONNEL.

PENNINGTON  
LEE R. PENNINGTON, JR., SECURITY EDITOR, AMERICAN  
SECURITY COUNCIL, WDC, LOCATED AT RESIDENCE AND INTERVIEWED  
INSTANT. PENNINGTON RETIRED FROM BUREAU IN FIFTY THREE. HE  
MET MC CORD WHILE EMPLOYED AT AMERICAN LEGION. WDC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY HE AND MC CORD BECAME SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES  
VISITING IN EACH OTHERS HOME ON AVERAGE OF ONCE EVERY TWO TO  
THREE MONTHS.

PENNINGTON

SINCE WATERGATE INCIDENT, PENNINGTON MET WITH  
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MC CORD ABOUT SIX TIMES. PENNINGTON INDICATED THAT HE TOLD MC CORD THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR BOTH IF MC CORD DID NOT DISCUSS THE WATERGATE INCIDENT WITH HIM. MC CORD HAS FURNISHED NO INFORMATION TO PENNINGTON RE THE INCIDENT.

ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER MC CORD'S ARREST, PENNINGTON BROUGHT DINNER TO THE MC CORD FAMILY AT THEIR RESIDENCE. HE KNEW OF NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OR LUGGAGE IN VAN OR MC CORD RESIDENCE AND WAS NOT ASKED TO UNLOAD ANYTHING FROM VAN.

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LOS ANGELES TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] TODAY HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO HIS SECRETARY HAD VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TODAY AND WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. SECRETARY INDICATED [REDACTED] WOULD CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEW LATER THIS DATE. INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] COMPLETED WITH NO INFORMATION OF VALUE DEVELOPED. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY TRAVEL OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO, JUNE TWENTY NINE LAST, DETERMINED SEVERAL FLIGHTS LEFT LOS ANGELES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. LEADS SET FORTH TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE AIRLINES TO VERIFY TRAVEL.

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MIAMI INTERVIEW OF LT. COL JOSEPH D. KELLY

PRODUCED NO INFORMATION OF VALUE. KELLY INDICATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., RESIDENT IS  
ACTIVE IN LOCAL REPUBLICAN POLITICS. ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED  
FOR INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 9/18/74

FROM : Mr. McDermott

SUBJECT: LEE R. PENNINGTON  
RETIRED INSPECTOR  
DEATH MATTER

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Reference is made to my memorandum of 9/17/74 which indicated that Mr. Pennington died during the early afternoon of 9/17/74.

Funeral services for Mr. Pennington will be held at Gawlers Funeral Home, Wisconsin Avenue and Harrison Street, N. W., at 10:30 a. m., Saturday 9/21/74 under the direction of Reverend Kimmel of Chevy Chase Methodist Church, followed by interment at Rock Creek Cemetery. His body will be waked at Gawlers Funeral Home and visiting hours will be from 2 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. on Thursday, 9/19/74, and Friday, 9/20/74.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, flowers are being sent from the Director personally and a letter to Mr. Pennington's widow has been prepared under the date of September 18th.

## RECOMMENDATION

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Decker
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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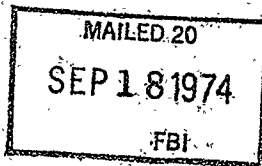
September 18, 1974

Mrs. Lee R. Pennington  
3808 Taylor Street  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Mrs. Pennington:

I was deeply saddened to learn of Lee's passing and want you to know the thoughts and prayers of all of us in the FBI are with you. He served the Bureau faithfully and left a record of outstanding service, as well as many friends. I hope you find some solace in knowing others share your grief.

May God bless you and your family.



Sincerely,  
Clarence Kelley

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NOTE: Former Inspector Pennington EOD 5/6/29 and retired 11/30/53. He was alleged to have furnished former SA [redacted] information regarding the FBI after his retirement. Columnist Jack Anderson attempted to link his name to the Watergate investigation [redacted] Referral/Consult

On interview, he denied any knowledge of the Watergate affair. His granddaughter advised a representative of the External Affairs Division that Mr. Pennington died on 9/17/74. Flowers are being sent in accordance with Mr. Kelley's request.

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**Lee R. Pennington**

Lee Roberts Pennington, 79, a retired FBI inspector who directed the American Legion's Americanism Commission in the 1950s, died Tuesday in Suburban Hospital after a heart attack. He lived on Taylor Street in Chevy Chase.

Pennington retired from the FBI in 1953 to become director of the Legion's Americanism Commission, a post he resigned in 1955 to take over as full-time director of the commission's counter-subversive activities office here. Since 1959, he was an adviser on americanism to the American Security Council for its Washington office.

He was a former deputy commander of the American Legion in the District, a director of the metropolitan area YMCA and a past president of the Huguenot Society of the District.

He leaves his wife, Katherine C.; a son, William C., of Chevy Chase, a sister, two brothers and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave. NW, with burial in Rock Creek Cemetery. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, N.Y.

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# Ex-Aide in FBI Lee Pennington

By Martha Hamilton

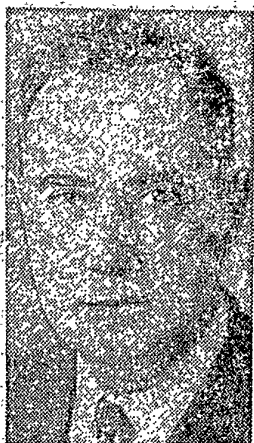
Washington Post Staff Writer

Lee Roberts Pennington, 79, former head of the Washington field office for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an adviser to the American Security Council, died Tuesday in Suburban Hospital. Mr. Pennington had figured in reports of the Watergate investigation last spring and early summer because, as a family friend, he visited the home of Watergate burglar James W. McCord Jr. after he learned of McCord's arrest.

Mr. Pennington, a \$250-a-month CIA contract employee, reported to the CIA that he had encountered Mrs. McCord burning some family records at the house.

When the FBI made inquiries about the incident, CIA officials sent the FBI files on another Pennington, apparently in an effort to throw the FBI off track.

The visit to Mrs. McCord, to ask if he could be of assistance, was typical of Mr. Pennington, according to a friend and to a member of his family. A 1947 article in



1949 Photo

LEE R. PENNINGTON

the old Washington Times-Herald called him "one of those big, likeable chaps whose very demeanor inspires confidences."

Mr. Pennington, who lived at 3808 Taylor St. Chevy Chase, retired from the FBI in 1953, after 25 years with the agency. He worked for the FBI as chief accountant, then inspector, and then

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